



Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary
U.S.-Ontario Province

Connections

October 16, 2015

Feast of Blessed Marie Rose Across the Province

During Mass on October 6 at St. Joseph Church in Seattle, Sisters, Holy Names Academy, Seattle volunteers in Jonestown and Holy Names Academy, Seattle students who attended the SNJM Youth Justice Forum were recognized for their service inspired by Mother Marie Rose. After Mass, the Sisters met with the students during lunch to hear more about their experiences learning about the SNJM charism. See below for a photo.



Mass on October 6 at St. Joseph Church in Seattle.

As we celebrated the Feast of Blessed Marie Rose on October 6, St. Bede's School in Hayward, CA continued to celebrate its 50th anniversary year. **Dianne Fagan, SNJM** (South Bay) and **Molly Neville, SNJM** (South Bay) were invited to present the stories of Blessed Marie Rose and the school's founding principal, **Gemma Fisher, SNJM** (deceased) at an assembly for students and faculty. The school is dedicating the entire year to Blessed Marie Rose, Sr. Gemma and the legacy of the Holy Names Sisters. See below for a photo.



Molly Neville, SNJM (left) and Dianne Fagan, SNJM (center) celebrate with Jocelyn Antoinne-Pierre, Principal (far right) and faculty after the assembly.

Human Trafficking Workshop at AHN, Albany

Religious communities in the Albany area sponsored a workshop on "Human Trafficking - Modern Slavery Awareness" on October 12 at Academy of the Holy Names, Albany. See below for a photo of some Sisters in attendance.



L-R: Mary Fran Beck, SNJM; Eleanor Guerin, RSM; Beatrice Hall, SNJM; Joyce Houle, SNJM; Kitty Hanley, CSJ (in background); Marilyn Marx, SNJM and Giovannina Saleeby, SNJM.

Sister Ruth Raftery's 100th Birthday

There was a wonderful, joyful celebration for **Ruth Raftery, SNJM** (Saratoga) on her 100th birthday on October 7. It was held at Our Lady of Fatima Villa in Saratoga, CA. Sr. Ruthie was joined by family, friends, Sisters and Associates. She was gifted with a blessing, memories, a poem and song. Sr. Ruthie gifted those present by singing, "How Good You Are, God." See below for a photo and view an online photo album (with audio) at: <http://bit.ly/1PrSN66>



Ruth Raftery, SNJM.

Sisters Grow Wheat for Eucharist Bread

Betty Shields, SNJM (South Bay) and **Peggy Hurley, SNJM** (South Bay) prepared a special ritual to plant the wheat that will become Eucharistic bread for the celebration of the 2016 Golden Jubilarians on April 2. For years, Sr. Peggy has made the bread for special community celebrations in the Northern CA region. See below for a photo.



Betty Shields, SNJM and Peggy Hurley, SNJM planting the wheat.

South Bay Café Conversation

Sisters and Associates in the South Bay Mission Centre recently gathered for their first Café Conversation in preparation for General Chapter 2016. See below for a photo.



South Bay Mission Centre Café Conversation participants.

Teaching English in Cupertino

The libraries in Santa Clara County, CA provide weekly ESL conversation practice for people learning English. **Rosemary Everett, SNJM** (South Bay) enjoys meeting with a group at the Cupertino library on Fridays. See below for a photo.



Rosemary Everett, SNJM, third from left.

On the Province Website

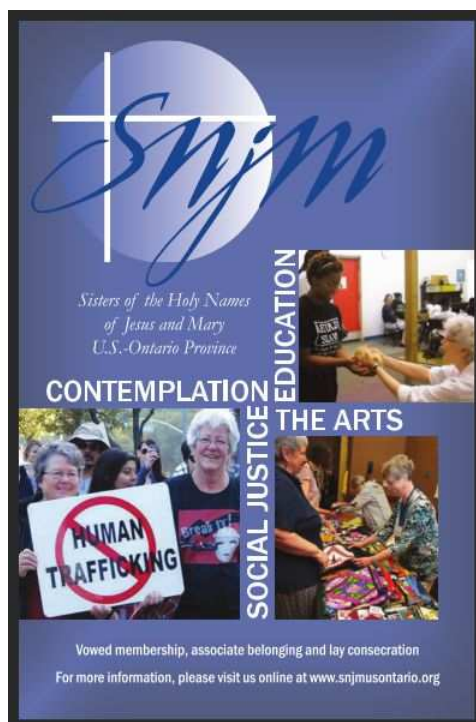
Washington Partners in Mission Newsletter

The Fall 2015 newsletter from the Washington Partners in Mission is available to read on the Province website at: <http://snjmusontario.org/washington-partners-in-mission>

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SNJM Ad Featured in Special NCR Religious Life Issue

A SNJM advertisement was featured in a special *National Catholic Reporter* issue on Vocations. You can view the ad and read the special issue at: <http://ncr.travidia.com/SS/Page.aspx?secid=155217&pagenum=9&sstarg=&acing=false&>



Prayer Requests

From **Judy Ryan, SNJM** (Seattle): Please continue prayers, especially to Blessed Marie Rose, for **Pam Wood, Associate** (Seattle). Her treatments following breast cancer surgery are difficult and demanding. May she heal completely.

From **Shannon Libbey Lenet, Associate** (Albany): Please pray for **Katie Higgs-Wrywicki** (Key West, FL) daughter of **Joan Eller Higgs**, who has a rare form of cancer. They are hoping that she will fit in one of the clinical trials for this cancer. She is the mother of two boys. Please also pray for her family.

Rest in Peace

From **Anne Celine Turner, SNJM** (Tampa): AHN Tampa's former CFO **George Pierson** passed away early on the morning of October 13 following a brave struggle with cancer. Please pray for his wife **Karen Pierson**, a graduate of AHN Albany, and all of George's family.

From **Kathy Herrington, Associate** (South Bay): Please keep my family in your prayers as we mourn the loss of our 22-year-old grandson, **Zac Herrington**. He was killed in an auto accident on October 5. The services will be on October 18.

In Gratitude

From **Bernice Gignac, SNJM** (Windsor) and à Windsor Mission Centre:
Many thanks for remembering us with prayer and good wishes on the occasion of our Canadian Thanksgiving. We have so much to be grateful for. Being part of a larger entity than ourselves enriches us in countless ways. As we prayed, gave thanks, and celebrated together, we held you in our prayers and thoughts as well.

From **Judy Ryan, SNJM** (Seattle): Thank you for your prayers for **Janet Ryan Pasha**, who is coming up to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance regularly for immunotherapy treatments. She is having some good results and restored energy. Great to see her every two weeks!

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