



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

Connections

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Transition Times are Here!

Last weekend, the current Province Leadership Team met with the incoming team of Sisters **Mary Breiling, Maureen Delaney, Guadalupe Guajardo, Margaret Kennedy** and **Mary Rita Rohde**. The meeting was facilitated by **Mary Jo Nelson, OLVM**, and was held for both groups to share their wisdom and insights as well as their hopes and dreams for the future. Topics such as meeting with the Sisters, leadership, team building, partnering with other groups and working with our Province Managers were discussed. It was a very enriching experience for all. Both groups look forward to meeting again December 11-14 for more community building and sharing of SNJM business.

News From the Novitiate House

The Novitiate Planning Community met on October 18 for their first gathering with new Novice Michelle Garlinski! This group of Sisters met at the Novitiate House in Berkeley to share a house blessing, brunch and conversation around the vow of chastity. See below for a photo.



Novitiate Planning Community (L-R): Sisters Fran Kearney, Beth Liebert (Novice Director), Inez Sherwood, Michelle Garlinski (Novice), Carol Selak, Carol Fleitz and Carol Nicklas. Thank you to Sr. Barbara Williams for taking the photo.



Blessing the Novitiate House.

Jubilee Celebration in Oregon

Nine Jubilarians joined friends and family in the chapel at Mary's Woods in Marylhurst on October 4 to celebrate 60, 70 and 80 year as Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.



Standing, L-R: Sisters Lorene Schuster, Lorna Mae McCormick, Joan Hansen, Joan Dixon, Carol Lee, Marina Rose Parisi, Geraldine Moffat and Peggy Pillette. Seated: Sr. Maxine Currin.

Province Justice Network Meeting

During the recent U.S.-Ontario Province Justice Network meeting at the Province office, students from St. Mary's Academy, Portland, who participated in the SNJM Youth Justice Forum in Longueuil, shared highlights from the trip about Mother Marie Rose, anti-trafficking, water, immigration and service. See below for a photo.



L-R: Maura Timoney (faculty), St. Mary's Academy students and Maria Fleming (faculty).

Oregon Founders Day

For SNJM Founders Day in Oregon on October 21, one of the celebrations brought together about 20 Sisters at Mary's Woods at Marylhurst to enjoy a program led by **Mary Julia Steinkamp, SNJM** (SE Portland). See below for a photo. Earlier that same day, **Sue Woodruff, SNJM** (NE Portland) gathered Province and Oregon regional staff members in the Marylhurst cemetery to share stories from the Chronicles about the Sisters who overcame daunting obstacles and hardships to establish the first SNJM ministries in the Northwest.



L-R: Sisters Barbara Land, Mary Julia Steinkamp, Louise Tibbetts and Jacqueline Quinn.

Peregrine Literary Series at Holy Names Heritage Center

Sustainability was the focus of September's Peregrine Literary Series. Authors from *Honoring Our Rivers*, a statewide anthology of student writing focused on the importance of watersheds, read their published entries. Former Oregon Poet Laureate **Paulann Petersen** participated in the event. The Peregrine series is hosted by **Joan Maiers, SNJM** (Marylhurst) at Holy Names Heritage Center. See below for a photo.



L-R: Anushka Nair, Joan Maiers, SNJM and Paulann Peterson.

On the Province Website

Photo Gallery: Feast of Blessed Marie Rose Across the Province

We have assembled a photo gallery of the celebrations for Feast of Blessed Marie Rose across the Province, including new photos that haven't been in *Connections*. You can view it at: <http://snjmusontario.org/feast-of-blessed-marie-rose-across-the-province> (the slideshow starts automatically).

Links

Mary's Woods and Adelante Mujeres Rated Among Top Nonprofits

The current issue of *Oregon Business* magazine rates Mary's Woods as #6 on the best nonprofit employers' list. Adelante Mujeres, an empowerment ministry for Latina women in Forest Grove, OR, co-founded by **Barbara Raymond, SNJM** (NE Portland), was included on the list as well. Read more at: <http://www.oregonbusiness.com/articles/177-october-2015/16011-the-list-100-best-nonprofits-to-work-for-in-oregon>

Prayer Requests

A recent MRI for **Ann Cornelia Sullivan, SNJM** (Seattle) showed significant re-growth of her brain tumor. She counts on our continued prayers.

From **Judy Ryan, SNJM** (Seattle): Please pray for **Rosalie Palmer, Associate** (Seattle), former member of the community, who has suffered a stroke and mild heart attack; she is very frail and hopes to return to Providence Mount St. Vincent where she recently moved.

In Gratitude

From **Celine Steinberger, SNJM** (Spokane): Thank you for your prayers for **Rosemary Fuller**. She is home, doing remarkably well and gaining back strength and use of her fingers. The doctors say she is so lucky and she says it must be the prayers and Mother Rose. Please keep up the prayers!

From **Christine Weber-Kearney, Associate** (Marylhurst): Thank you so much for your prayers. Robert and I were in Denver for a month and fully expected that my brother, **Joel**, would die of peritonitis because of a perforated colon. However, at this point, he has all tubes out and is even walking on his own. Please continue to keep him and his wife, **Silvia**, in your prayers as he still has a long healing road ahead.

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