

SNJM Stories

Sisters Cynthia Canning and Rosemary Delaney Honored in Oakland

Sisters Cynthia and Rosemary were honored at a recent Alameda County Board of Supervisors' meeting for their enduring legacy of education and community building through the Next Step Learning Center in Oakland. In 1994, they co-founded and have since co-directed Next Step Learning Center, a tutoring center for adults who are working on basic literacy, GED preparation, and/or transitioning to college and the workforce.

Present for the ceremony were Next Step's board, the incoming Executive Director Lisa Stringer, Operations Manager Peggy Presley, Sr. Maureen Delaney from the Province Leadership Team, some Next Step tutors, and SNJM Sisters and Associates.



L-R: Greg Schopf, NSLC Board Chair, Sr. Cynthia Canning, Sr. Rosemary Delaney, Mary Brutocao, NSLC Board.

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St. Mary's Academy in The Dalles, OR Receives Generous Donation

Fr. Joseph Levine, priest of St. Peter Catholic Church in The Dalles, OR, donated

\$30,000 to St. Mary's Academy Foundation for tuition assistance. "As a priest I don't make a lot of money but in my case I've received money from my family so I had a little bit that I could give there," Fr. Levine said. Along with his donation, he is encouraging others to join the "Father Levine Challenge" and donate what they can to St. Mary's. The Sisters of the Holy Names joined the challenge with a ministry grant donation in 2015. Read more

at: <http://www.thedalleschronicle.com/news/2016/feb/12/priest-donates-30000-st-marys-academy/>



L-R: Fr. Joseph Levine and Sr. Mary Sullivan, SNJM.
Photo by Derek Wiley.

Celebrating SNJM Ministries

Refugee Solidarity Walk at Holy Names High School

Students from Holy Names High School, Oakland and St. Theresa School organized a Refugee Solidarity Walk to simulate and learn about the plight of refugees. HNHS students turned away the St. Theresa students at the "border" (HNHS campus) and then funneled them into a queue to be processed by border agents in small groups. At the processing table, HNHS students spoke only in French and Spanish to replicate the experience of a refugee entering a land with little or no knowledge of the spoken language. Once processed, Catholic Relief Services took each group and shared food and water with them. This was a tremendous learning experience for everyone

involved.



HNHS student acting as border security during a Refugee Solidarity Walk.

WWII Female Pilot Visits AHN, Albany During Catholic Schools Week

Lillian Yonally, a World War II Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP), gave a presentation about women in leadership and service at Academy of the Holy Names, Albany during Catholic Schools Week. After her presentation, she met with Lower School students.



Lillian Yonally with some AHN, Albany Lower School students.

St. Mary's Academy Students Teach About Ending Modern-Day Slavery

Sisters and staff became the students when three young women from St. Mary's Academy who serve on the board of Youth Ending Slavery (YES) gave a presentation on the realities of modern-day slavery and how YES empowers students to take a stand against it. The students described how they've learned to avoid buying products made with slave labor and how to better understand the links between poverty, abuse and vulnerability to enslavement. See below for a photo, and learn more about YES at: <http://www.youthendingslavery.org>



Representatives from YES speaking to SNJM Sisters and staff.

AHN, Tampa Breaks Ground for New Arts Center

In February, the entire student body, faculty and staff were joined by Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn, Father Steve Ryan, Trustees and friends of the Academy of Holy Names, Tampa for the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new arts center. The Bailey Family Center for the Arts will include a 350-seat theater and rooms for art, music, drama and dance. It will have display space for student artwork, an area for student collaboration and project-based learning and a maker lab to encourage creativity and ingenuity. Watch a video of the ceremony at: <https://vimeo.com/153139304>



Sr. Ann Regan, SNJM, fifth from left, smiles as Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn speaks at the groundbreaking.

On the Province Website

Membership Thoughts

Sisters are sharing their thoughts about membership on the Province website. Follow the link below to see what Sisters Laura Michels, Mollie Reavis, and Judy Ryan have to say: <http://snjmusontario.org/snjm-themes>

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