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# **June 2016**

## **SNJM Stories**

### **New York State Honors Sister Joan Byrne**

The New York State Office for the Aging honored Sister Joan Byrne with the "2016 Outstanding Contribution by a Senior" award in recognition of her 40 years of service to DePaul Housing Management of Albany, NY. She also received a citation from the New York State Assembly presented by Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy and a "Proclamation Honoring Sister Joan Byrne" from New York State Senator Neil D. Breslin. Click here to read the New York State proclamation honoring Sr. Joan.



Sister Joan Byrne and Senator Neil D. Breslin.

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## Sister Linda Riggers Receives Loeken Award at HNA

Holy Names Academy, Seattle gave the Loeken Award to Registrar and Attendance Director Sister Linda Riggers. The award recognizes a faculty or staff member who has gone the extra mile in service to the Academy. In the Attendance Office, Sister Linda lives the mission of the school in many ways through her attentive care to the needs of each student.



Sister Linda Riggers, at right, with Kim Ficele-Bowen, chair of the Holy Names Academy International Language Department and a Spanish teacher, who received the Distinguished Teacher Award.

## Jubilee Celebration in Oakland, CA

The SNJM community in the East Bay came together recently to honor Jubilarian Sisters Mary Herbert Raphael, who is celebrating 80 years, and Marcia Frideger, who is celebrating 50 years. Fr. Salvatore Ragusa, Holy Names University Chaplain, presided at Mass at Holy Names High School in Oakland, CA.



L-R: Sister Mary Herbert Raphael; Fr. Salvatore Ragusa and Sister Marcia Frideger.

## **New SNJM Logo**

The Sisters of the Holy Names are getting a new logo. A group of SNJM leaders met in May to discuss the mission and vision of the community. At this meeting, the leaders adopted a new logo for the SNJM community. The General Administration and all of the Provinces will use the same logo design and colors. Work is under way in our Province to prepare for this transition. See below for the new U.S.-Ontario logo.



## **Celebrating SNJM Ministries**

## Ramona Rampage Robotics Team Goes to St. Louis

After the Ramona Convent Secondary School robotics team placed third at a competition in San Diego, the team qualified for the National Championships in St. Louis. More than 600 teams from the U.S. and abroad competed; Ramona Rampage was one of only five all-girls teams. The robot, Lady Margaret the Magnificent (named after the late Sister Margaret Spiller), and her creators won some matches and lost some, too. They learned a great deal and have a lot of ideas for the upcoming season in 2017.



Ramona Rampage robotics team in St. Louis.

#### **SNJM Schools Sweep Just Video Contest**

Every year, the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center (IPJC) holds their Just Video contest inviting students to produce a video about immigration, human rights or the environment incorporating Catholic social teaching and social justice. There were

over 40 video entries. SNJM schools won every award. You can watch the first place video from Ramona Convent Secondary School on human trafficking at: <a href="https://youtu.be/uLeWNghG7Io">https://youtu.be/uLeWNghG7Io</a> or by clicking the video link below. Read more about the contest and watch all the winning videos at: <a href="http://www.ipjc.org/programs/justvideo">http://www.ipjc.org/programs/justvideo</a> winners.html

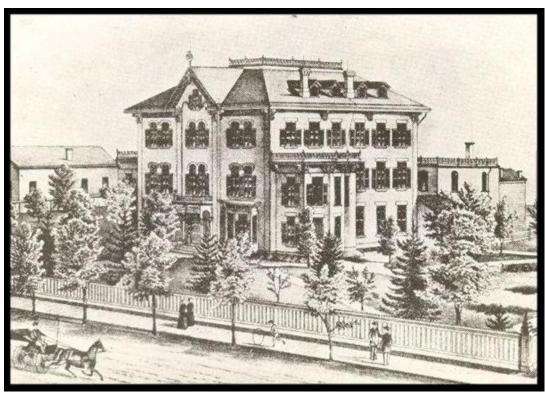


First Place Video, IPJC Just Video Contest.

## **On the Province Website**

## **Holy Names Voices Blog**

Each month on our website we share new stories and reflections around a different theme for our Holy Names Voices blog. In May, the posts were on the theme of History and Memory. Karen Kinzey, Program Manager at the Holy Names Heritage Center, shares about St. Mary's Academy in Windsor, ON before the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel was built. You can read the story and catch up on past posts at: <a href="http://snjmusontario.org/who-we-are/blog-holy-names-voices">http://snjmusontario.org/who-we-are/blog-holy-names-voices</a>



St. Mary's Academy, Windsor in 1867.

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