

# Your SNJM Connection

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<p><b>Mary's Woods Memory March Parade</b></p> <p>On June 20, the SNJM community in Oregon donned purple and participated in the annual Memory March Parade at Mary's Woods, a continuing care retirement community in Lake Oswego, OR. Sisters, staff, Mary's Woods residents and family members stepped out on a glorious sunny day to raise awareness and funds for the Alzheimer's Association. June is Alzheimer's &amp; Brain Awareness Month and purple is the official color of the movement to cure Alzheimer's.</p> <p>For a full photo album of the event, go to: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/z7lc5d7">http://tinyurl.com/z7lc5d7</a></p> <p>For a video of the parade, go to: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/jvxqv62">http://tinyurl.com/jvxqv62</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#"><u>SNJM Stories</u></a></li><li>• <a href="#"><u>Celebrating SNJM Ministries</u></a></li><li>• <a href="#"><u>On the Province Website</u></a></li></ul> <p><b>Quick Links</b></p> <p><a href="#"><u>SNJM U.S.-Ontario Province Website</u></a></p> <p><b>Find us on Facebook:</b></p> <p></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Join our Mailing List!</u></a></p>



Sister Jane Hibbard and SNJM Staff Member Anita Lindsay carry a banner in the parade.

### **Honoring Sister Claire Durocher**

In Windsor, ON, Devonshire Senior Residence, where many of our Sisters live, hosted the final piano recital for students of Sister Claire Durocher. Sister Claire is retiring after 55 years of teaching. Students and parents alike will miss Sister Claire's great skill but are grateful for the opportunity to be taught and loved by someone so talented and giving.



Sister Claire Durocher

### **Sisters Urge Senators to Oppose Human Trafficking**

The U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking group and the Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center (IPJC) have been arranging meetings between women religious and their local senators to discuss human trafficking. They are urging the Senate to uphold its promise and support the Business Supply Chain Transparency on Trafficking and Slavery Act (S. 1968). Rosemary Everett, SNJM composed a letter on this bill to CA Senators Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein for Sisters and Associates in Northern CA to sign and send. Sister Rosemary also visited the Oakland office of Senator Boxer.

In Southern CA, as part of the U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking and the Southern California Partners for Global Justice, Bob Juarez, Associate and Jo'Ann De Quattro, SNJM visited Senator Boxer's Los Angeles office to meet with her staff members to urge the Senator to co-sponsor the same human trafficking legislation. Boxer's staff indicated that they were the first of her Los Angeles constituents to raise this issue, and urged them to make a similar request of CA Senator Dianne Feinstein.



L-R: Marilyn Wilson, BVM; Sharan Dhanoa, Director of the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking; Rosemary Everett, SNJM; Caritas Foster, SHF and Kathleen McCabe, OSF at Senator Boxer's Oakland office.



L-R: Bob Juarez, Associate; Kelly Jones, Field Representative/Legislative Correspondent for Senator Barbara Boxer; Margaret O'Rourke, CSJ and Jo'Ann De Quattro, SNJM at Senator Boxer's Los Angeles office.

### **A Conversation About Discernment with Elizabeth Liebert, SNJM**

In an interview with Collegeville Institute, Sister Elizabeth Liebert discusses discernment as the key to spiritual life, the role of individuals versus systems in discernment and how Pope Francis values the practice. You can read it here: <http://collegevilleinstitute.org/bearings/the-soul-of-discernment/>



Elizabeth Liebert, SNJM

## Celebrating SNJM Ministries

### HNA Seattle Voted "Best Workplace"

Holy Names Academy, Seattle is ranked as one of Washington's Best Workplaces for 2016 in the Puget Sound Business Journal's prestigious annual list. This ranking comes directly from employee votes. See the listing at:

<http://www.bizjournals.com/seattle/news/2016/06/14/worker-approved-psbj-revealswashingtons-best.html#g11>

### Yale-Bound HNHS Grad Overcomes Parents' Deportation Risk

Lorena Ortega-Guerrero, a 2016 graduate of Holy Names High School, Oakland who will attend Yale University in the fall, wasn't always sure she would be able to attend college. As the daughter of undocumented immigrants, she had many hurdles on her path to college including the potential deportation of her parents. Read her success story at: <https://www.the74million.org/article/grad-of-the-week-oakland-teen-overcomes-fears-of-parents-deportation-to-land-a-spot-at-yale>

## On the Province Website

## Our New Look

The banner image depicts a church interior where a group of people are gathered for a singing session. The walls are painted blue, and there are stained glass windows. The word "WELCOME" is prominently displayed in the center of the image. Below the main image is a horizontal row of three smaller photographs: one showing a group of people, another showing a person holding a sign that reads "Women LEAD", and a third showing a group of people.

We are pleased to share a new look for the Province website! We have updated the design of the site to add more photos and improve functionality. Check it out at: <http://www.snjmusontario.org/>

## On the Blog

This month we are exploring the theme Women and the Church. Read about it here:

<http://www.snjmusontario.org/who-we-are/blog-holy-names-voices>

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