

### SNJM Stories

#### Showing Strong SNJM Solidarity Through Women's March

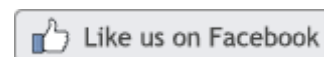
The SNJM community poured out messages of love, welcome and inspiration at historic Women's March activities throughout the U.S. and beyond on Jan. 21. Thanks to dozens of participants, photographers and faithful "reporters," we have an extensive article on the Province website about the march along with a slideshow of pictures from marches in many locations. [Click this link to see the photos and read the full article.](#)



L-R: Mary Haupt, SNJM, Bette Gambonini, BVM, Elizabeth Avalos, BVM, Marilyn Wilson, BVM and Kate Ondreyco, SNJM at the San Jose, CA March.

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#### Jo'Ann De Quattro, SNJM in Global Sisters Report on Women's March

An article published by Global Sisters Report on Jan. 19 leads off by relating why Jo'Ann De Quattro, SNJM decided to join other Catholic Sisters at the Women's March on

Washington. [Click here to read the article.](#) Sr. Jo'Ann is also quoted in a Jan. 26 article about the massive march. "We need to organize, not agonize," she says.

[Click here to read the second article.](#)



Jo'Ann De Quattro, SNJM with her sign for the Women's March on Washington.

### **Profile of Marianne Misetich, SNJM in Catholic Sentinel**

A profile about the musical career of Marianne Misetich, SNJM titled "The Joyful Composer" has been published in the *Catholic Sentinel*. The profile describes her varied and prolific career as a music teacher and composer. Interviewees share their fond memories and reverence for Sr. Marianne's gift. [Click here to read the article.](#)



Sister Marianne Misetich, sitting at right, leads a team of Holy Names Sisters in composing a musical play at Star of the Sea School in Astoria in 1965.

### **Woman Climate Expert Now on ExxonMobil Board**

The Sisters of the Holy Names, along with the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), co-filed a shareholder's resolution urging ExxonMobil to add a climate expert to its board of directors. On Jan. 25, Dr. Susan K. Avery, an atmospheric scientist and the former president and director of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, was elected to the board of directors. This fulfills our shareholder resolution's intent and the resolution will now be withdrawn. [Click here to read the article.](#)

### **Celebrating SNJM Ministries**

#### **Holy Names High School, Oakland Students Go to Washington**

As part of Holy Names High School, Oakland's "Close Up" trip, a group of students traveled to Washington, DC to attend the presidential inauguration and to participate in the Women's

March on Washington. Earlier in the week, students toured memorials, visited the new National African American History and Culture Museum and attended workshops. In addition to learning about current proposed legislation, the students went to the Supreme Court to get a sneak peek at a hearing and met with a staffer from Congresswoman Barbara Lee's office. At the Women's March, the students had an intergenerational experience when they met up with Sisters who were also marching.



HNHS students visit the U.S. Capitol Building.

### **Students March with Sisters and Associates Against Human Trafficking in LA**

Fourteen students joined with SNJM Sisters, Associates and Ramona Convent Secondary School faculty to support the Los Angeles Freedom Walk in January. As part of the event, two trafficking victims shared their experiences - a young man from India who survived extreme labor exploitation in the U.S. and a woman from Honduras whose parents subjected her to sex trafficking to support their drug addiction. Their testimonies reinforced what the students learned at their Trafficking Assembly held at Ramona during the week. See photos from the event on Ramona Convent Secondary School's Facebook page:



<https://www.facebook.com/RamonaConvent/posts/10153954481001572>



Back row: Ramona students. Front row, L-R: Maggie Averill, Ramona Theology and Art teacher, Sharon Corbitt, Associate, Sally McEachen, Associate, Jo'Ann De Quattro, SNJM, Anna Keim, SNJM, Sylvia Rousseve, Associate, Daleen Larkin, SNJM, Bob Juarez, Associate.

### **Holy Names Heritage Center in The Tampa Bay Times**

*The Times* published a great feature on the Heritage Center at the Academy of the Holy Names, Tampa, which opened in October 2016. Sharon West, an Associate candidate and member of the committee that chose artifacts for the new Heritage Center notes in the article, "We wanted to highlight the Sisters and their stories, to expose people to the Sisters' core values." [Click here to download the PDF.](#)

## LOCAL SCHOOLS

### Rich history on display at school's heritage center

Academy of the Holy Names facility commemorates school and nun's order.

BY SHEILA MULLANE ESTRADA

TAMPA — Two Catholic nuns came from Quebec to Tampa 125 years ago to open a school for 35 children.

Today, the Academy of the Holy Names serves more than 1000 Tampa Bay area students from Pre-K through high school. Inside its doors, students and visitors can find a recently renovated corridor and four galleries that commemorate the school's historic journey from a room in a blacksmith shop to today's 10-acre campus on Rindge Road.

The Holy Names Heritage Center, which opened in October, contains photos, memorabilia and artifacts that trace the history of the school and the nuns' order, the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

"It really touches my heart," says Sister Marjorie Blane, the school's archivist and one of about a half-dozen nuns that still work at the school. "I had no idea what their school life had been like."

Sister Marjorie works daily in a small room surrounded by photos and other artifacts she is cataloging for future display at the Heritage Center.

Among them is a written log, to ensure a diary of daily activities at the school since its founding in 1891. Originally written in French, it has been translated and some pages are displayed in the center.

"The visitors have been an important part of the story of Catholic education in Tampa," says Sharon West, who helped direct the committee that chose the artifacts for the center. Many items were donated by alumni.

"We wanted to highlight the sisters and their stories, to expose people to the sisters' own



Academy of the Holy Names President and CEO Art Baines studies historical photos and chronology of the founding of Tampa's Academy of the Holy Names in the school's new Heritage Center.

values," she explains.

Those values, controversial in a series of stained glass windows at the entrance to each gallery, range from "full development of the human person," particularly through the arts and music, to serving "people who are poor or marginalized."

The galleries also feature the now-closed Sacred Heart Academy, a collection of school uniforms and related memorabilia, and the histories of founding sisters, Sister Mary Augustine and Sister Mary Maureen, as well as other individual sisters who led their lives in Catholic education in Tampa.

One gallery even has an iPad where visitors and students can record their own memories and stories of the school and its sisters.

"Our sisters are thrilled with the Heritage Center. They would never have done this for themselves. The center is keeping their history alive," says Academy President and CEO Art Baines.

In addition to the Heritage Center and a recently constructed parking garage for high school students, the school's master plan calls for a center for the performing arts and major renovations to the Bayshore campus including updated technology labs, expansions to the library and both elementary and high school facilities.

#### Historical highlights

- Only three years after opening the Academy, the sisters founded St. Peter's Charter school for the city's black children. When the first school was destroyed by an arsonist, the nuns rebuilt it, and it is still open today.
- In 1906, the sisters established the St. Ignace School for Port Tampa harbor and a west Tampa campus of the Academy of the Holy Names in 1910, St. Cecilia School in 1914, and a high academy in 1916.
- The sisters continued to open schools in Tampa: Sacred Heart Academy in 1918, St. Cecilia School in 1919, and a high academy in 1922.
- In 1962, the founder of the order, Mother Marie-Rose Currier, was beatified by Pope John Paul II.
- In 1984, the Academy was designated a "Blue Ribbon School" by the U.S. Department of Education.

appointments when the school is in session. Interested visitors should contact Sister Marjorie at (813) 839-0375, Ext. 308. More information about the school and its history can also be viewed on the school's website, [holy-names.org](http://holy-names.org).

The Holy Names Heritage Center is open to the public by



High School students (from left) Bailey Gray, 15, Madison Troy, 16, and Isabel Labey, 15, examine a collection of historical school uniforms in the new Heritage Center at the Academy of the Holy Names in Tampa.



Archivist Sister Marjorie Blane examines old photos taken of students and faculty at the Academy of the Holy Names in Tampa.

## On the Province Website

### Holy Names Voices Blog

**Mary Annette Dworshak, SNJM** challenges us to envision love as being at the heart of a fully realized Catholic education. Our blog theme is "Vision" during the first quarter of this year. Click here to read her article: <http://www.snjmusontario.org/who-we-are/blog-holy-names-voices>

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