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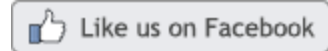
### SNJM to Receive Ecumenical Group's Award

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) will honor the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary at its annual award dinner. SNJM will receive EMO's Ecumenist of the Year award "to honor courage, moral vision and action for the common good." The EMO board commends the Sisters for their "commitment to justice, education and compassion for all in our society." The award will be presented to the Sisters on May 11 in Portland, OR. [Click here to visit the EMO website.](#)



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### Medical School to Honor Dr. Anne Brooks, SNJM

Dr. Anne Brooks, SNJM is among three leaders whom the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine will honor for their commitment to excellence in medicine,



government and public service. The college announced this week that Sr. Anne will receive its highest honor, The Walter F. Patenge Medal of Public Service, in a ceremony on May 8. Sr. Anne is an alumna of the college who serves as medical director and chief administrator of the Tutwiler Clinic in Mississippi. The college also cites her service as a staff physician at Merit Health Northwest Mississippi, clinical adjunct faculty member and Mississippi preceptor for osteopathic and allopathic medical students in the U.S. and Toronto, and clinical instructor for nurse practitioner and physician assistant students in Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama.

## Celebrating SNJM Ministries

### **SNJM School Leaders Connect at Network of Schools**

On March 19-21, President Art Raimo and his school leadership team at Academy of the Holy Names, Tampa hosted the SNJM Network of Schools annual meeting. The SNJM Corporate Members, presidents and principals from the six U.S.-Ontario schools and St. Mary's Academy, Winnipeg discussed the SNJM charism and mission, 21st-century learning, diversity and inclusion. Participants were able to tour the almost-completed Center for the Arts, an iLab and the Academy's Heritage Center. This annual event is instrumental in developing the bonds that keep our schools strong.



Back row, L-R: Kim Dawson, Stephanie Nitchals, Mary Mansell, Maria Faina, SNJM, Pat Barr, Art Raimo, Kathleen Callaway, SNJM, Bridgid Fishman, Kendra Carr, Constance Hubbard, Elizabeth Crean, SNJM.

Front row, L-R: Elizabeth Swift, Margaret Kennedy, SNJM, Mary Anne Vigliante, Michele Musto, Maureen Delaney, SNJM, Christina Friedhoff, Connie Yunyk, Cynthia Canning, SNJM, Carol-Ann Swayzie.

### **Peace and Justice Day at HNA, Seattle**

Holy Names Academy, Seattle observed Peace and Justice Day on March 22 with Avery Haller '11 as keynote speaker on the theme "Bring About a Revolution of the Heart" based on Dorothy Day's famous quote. Between her sophomore and junior years, Avery participated in the first SNJM Youth Justice Forum coordinated by the Congregational Justice and Peace Network at St. Mary's Academy in Winnipeg, MB. Avery shared her journey of the challenges facing a young adult in working for justice issues.

Mary Annette Dworshak, SNJM coordinated Peace and Justice Day's 28 workshops addressing topics of human trafficking, immigration, water, personal safety, Holocaust heroes, advocacy, Burmese refugees, Shirts Across America and service. During Peace and Justice Day, students made more than 900 sandwiches for the homeless in Seattle. Avery is

pictured below with three other HNA alumnae, who shared their experiences with Jesuit Volunteer Corps and the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.



HNA alumnae, L-R: Adriana Johnson, Corey Hubbard, Avery Haller and JoJo Bromfield.

### **Video Report on AHN Tampa Mission Trips**

Students and staff at the Academy of the Holy Names, Tampa served on eight mission trips from March 12-18. Groups went to the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Jonestown, MS, West Virginia, Scranton, PA, North Carolina, Tampa, FL and local migrant communities. The mission trip program began 18 years ago. This year, 141 students participated. Click on the image below to watch a video report on the mission trips.



### **Student Representatives Inspired by UN Experience**

Leaders of the Youth Ending Slavery group at St. Mary's Academy, Portland shared a reflection about their recent participation in a major women's event at the headquarters of the United Nations. They were able to make the trip with financial assistance from the Sisters of the Holy Names. Here is an excerpt from their reflection:

This year we had the wonderful opportunity and privilege of visiting the United Nations headquarters in New York City and participating in the Youth Forum at the 61st Session on Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 61). The event is perfectly described by CSW as a "critical opportunity for young people and adolescents in all their diversities to convene in advance of the official opening of CSW to amplify their common concerns and advocacy efforts," and that it was! As active members of the social justice community, we get excited about even the smallest events or gatherings in which we are able to share our opinions and fight for rights. Attending an event as big as the CSW '61 was an amazing opportunity that we are incredibly thankful for. [Click here to read the entire reflection on our website.](#)





L-R: St. Mary's Academy students and YES officers Natalie Bojarsky, Molly Kelleher and Katy Foley.

## On the Province Website

### Meet the 2017 Golden Jubilarians

The biographies and portraits of the 2017 Golden Jubilarians are now available to view on the Province website. [Click here to visit the page.](#)



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