

## SNJM Stories

### Sisters Take a Stand for Migrants and Refugees

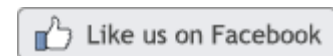
The Sisters of the Holy Names have always looked to the margins of society to see where they can serve and make a difference. Sometimes this has meant starting a school or a social service organization. The aim is always to meet the needs of those around them and help all of God's people reach their full development. The Sisters answered a recent call to meet the needs of those around them by overwhelmingly adopting a corporate stand expressing solidarity with migrants and refugees. The SNJM congregation officially affirmed the corporate stand at a joint leadership meeting in Quebec, where leaders from the United States, Canada, Peru, Brazil and Lesotho gathered. [Read the full story on our website.](#)



L-R: Maureen Delaney, SNJM, Margaret Kennedy, SNJM, Mary Rita Rohde, SNJM, Mary Breiling, SNJM and Guadalupe Guajardo, SNJM giving a presentation at the joint leadership meeting in Quebec.

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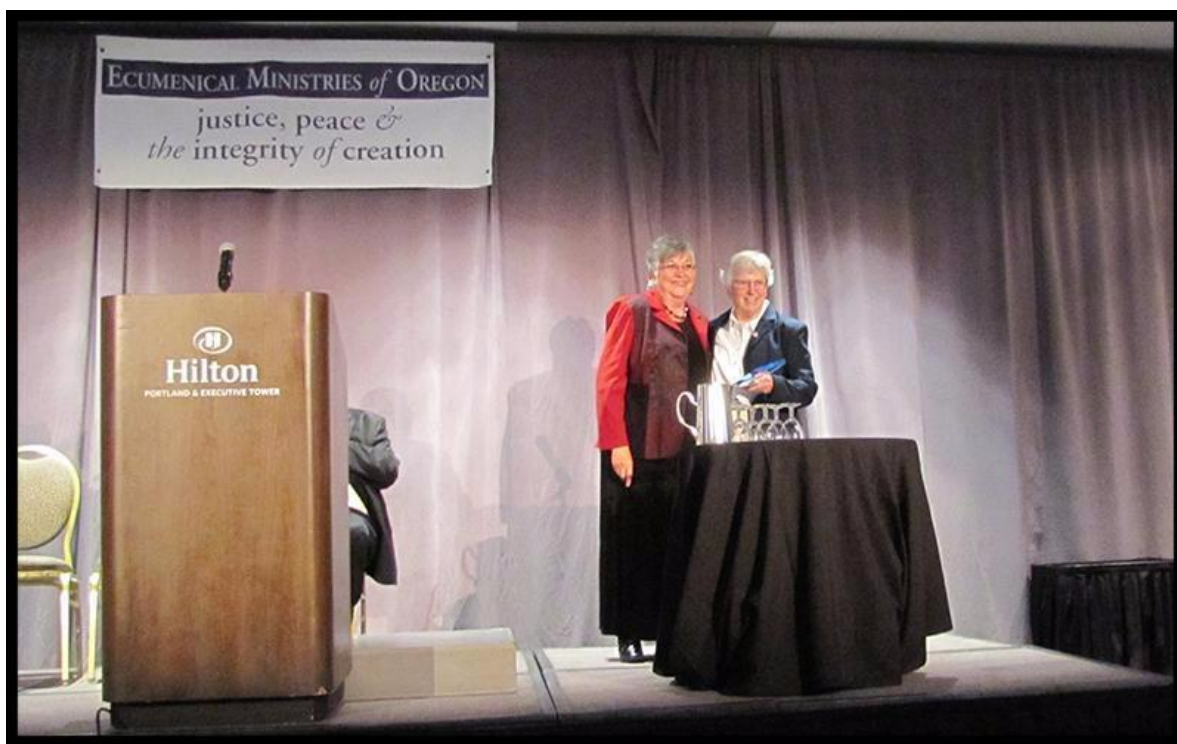
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**Corporate Stand Featured in Global Sisters Report**

*Global Sisters Report* wrote a story about religious communities advocating for fair and humane treatment of migrants and refugees around the world. The Sisters of the Holy Names' recent corporate stand on migrants and refugees is featured the article as an example of women religious showing their support for people who are often marginalized and mistreated. The Sisters recognize that taking this stand is particularly important due to the worldwide crisis of human migration and the growing anti-immigrant bias in many countries. [Click here to read full article](#).

### **Ecumenical Award Honors SNJM Commitment to Justice**

On behalf of the SNJM community, Maureen Delaney, SNJM accepted with gratitude the "Ecumenist of the Year" award from Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon on May 11. In introductory remarks, EMO board member The Rev. Linda Jaramillo beautifully summarized the SNJM commitment to the full development of the human person through justice work and countless acts of service. Several other speakers shared the ways their lives have been enriched by the Sisters' focus on education, social justice, contemplation and the arts. It was an honor and privilege to be among so many inspirational leaders who share the same values.



L-R: The Rev. Linda Jaramillo and Maureen Delaney, SNJM.

## Sister Supports the Success of First-Generation College Students

Kathleen Ross, SNJM wrote an essay called "First-Generation College Students and Communication Mismatches" for the Harvard Education Press blog "Voices in Education." This essay reflects her recent work as the Director of the Institute for Student Identity & Success at Heritage University in Toppenish, WA. The Institute provides resources for faculty and administrators so they can support first-generation college students succeed in higher education. Sr. Kathleen has also published a book on this topic called *Breakthrough Strategies: Classroom-Based Practices to Support New Majority College Students*. [Click here to read the essay.](#)



Kathleen Ross, SNJM.

## Celebrating SNJM Ministries

### AHN Albany Welcomes Author and Holocaust Survivor

Students and faculty gave a standing ovation to Marion Blumenthal Lazan, author of *Four Perfect Pebbles: A True Story of the Holocaust*, when she gave a presentation at the Academy of the Holy Names, Albany. Mrs. Blumenthal Lazan began speaking publicly about her Holocaust experiences in 1979 and published her memoir in 1996. After her presentation, students stood in line to speak to her and receive hugs. Her simple but profound message of tolerance, kindness and respect reinforced the school's SNJM-inspired themes and activities of hospitality and inclusion.



AHN Albany students pay tribute to the power of living history with a standing ovation for visiting author Marion Blumenthal Lazan.

### **HNA Student Shows Short Film at Festival**

Peyton Miller, a senior at Holy Names Academy, Seattle showed her short film at the National Film Festival for Talented Youth (NFFTY) this spring. Peyton's filmmaking is influenced by the challenges she faces as a person with Type 1 diabetes. Local news show *Seattle Refined* featured Peyton and her work. [Click here to see the video and read the article.](#)



Peyton Miller.

### **Expanding Spaces at Our Schools**

Changes are happening across the country at SNJM institutions. In Seattle, Holy Names Academy completed a new fitness center in the Mary Herche Pavilion, a three-story project adjoining the school's historic 1908 main building to the adjacent 1990 McAteer Lee Gymnasium. [Click here to read more on the school website.](#) In Tampa, the Bailey Family Center for the Arts at Academy of the Holy Names, Tampa was dedicated on April 27. The dedication was followed by the Arts Fest for both the elementary and high schools. [Click here to see a preview video.](#)

### **On the Province Website**

#### **Holy Names Voices Blog**

Molly Neville, SNJM writes about a collaborative effort that has given life to the new program that trains spiritual directors at the Villa Maria del Mar retreat center in Santa Cruz, CA. [Click here to read the article.](#)





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