



PERSPECTIVES

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You Walk With Us in Ministry





You walk with Sister Della Stanton and Sister Mary Mackessy through the corridors and into the classrooms of Saint Andrew School



Sister Della (L) and Sister Mary (R)

Sister Della Stanton volunteers 3 days a week enriching the math skills of 4th and 5th graders at Saint Andrew School in Pasadena. She shares the knowledge and experience gained from 51 years of teaching math, and computer programming and applications in elementary and secondary schools in California and in Arequipa, Peru. Sister Della delights in helping the students experience an appreciation and reinforcement of their math skills.

“Being an SNJM in this ministry is a source of pride. Working with the students, parents and teachers is very rewarding.”

Sister Mary Mackessy enjoys the opportunity to volunteer as a resource person for the religion teachers at Saint Andrew School. She assists with ways to enhance curriculum, provides a “listening ear” for the children, and makes herself available to their parents, guiding and encouraging them in developing faith formation and their roles as loving parents. Sister Mary is retired after 53 years: 25 years teaching in the primary grades and working with children to prepare them for First Communion, and 28 years working in parishes as director of religious education and pastoral assistant. Her father was instrumental in building Saint Andrew School.



You walk with Sister Jackie Slater in the neonatal care unit of O’Connor Hospital



Sister Jackie encouraged the start of a *Cuddlers Program* in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at O’Connor Hospital in San Jose and was the first volunteer “cuddler”—holding and comforting neonatal infants, and helping to meet their physical and emotional needs. She became interested in neonatal programs after retiring from 57 years of full-time ministry in education, parish work, and at Holy Names Villa and Convent in Los Gatos.

“Being a presence in the NICU is a privilege for me. It is life giving to watch the personalities of the preemies develop and change each week. It is good to see them leave and know that I have been a part of their transition home.”

You walk with Sister Noel Girard at Holy Names High School, in Oakland



Sister Noel is in her 58th year of full-time ministry, most spent as a music teacher in elementary and secondary schools. For the last 17 years, Sister Noel has been in volunteer ministry at Holy Names High. She delights in her involvement with the students and music program, and the opportunities to play bass with the orchestra and at school liturgies. Sister Noel also coordinates substitute teachers, works in the school library 3 days each week, and assists in the Development Office with events and alumnae activities.



“As a member of the SNJM Community, I feel blessed to have this opportunity to carry on the SNJM presence at Holy Names High School. As an alum, I feel privileged to help carry on the tradition and history of the school by my presence and participation.”

Through SNJM Ministry Grant Funds, you walk with:



Sister Marilyn Gooley and others—working together to stop the local, national, and worldwide trafficking of women and children. They provide educational materials, and put on programs and events that raise public and media awareness of the problem.

Sister Rosemary Delaney and **What Oakland Needs**—a year-round tutorial program at **Samaritan Neighborhood Center** for children and youth from low income families.

Sr. Susan Wells—supporting food programs at **Oakland Catholic Worker House** and helping a sports program for youth served by the **Central American Refugee Committee of the East Bay**.

Jo'Ann De Quattro and the **African Faith and Justice Network**



Sr. Dolores Barling—helping the **North Peninsula Food Pantry** provide meals for the poor people in that part of the San Francisco Bay area.

... and many, other projects where SNJMs are in ministry.



Sister Jean Morningstar and the “**Women of Faith**” lecture series—started in honor and memory of **Sister Faith Clarke**. This is an inspirational and educational program for the Sisters in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and provides an opportunity for collaboration and friendships to develop among the different religious communities.



Sister Mary Haupt—helping to support programs for art and music at **St. Patrick School** in San Jose. Saint Patrick is an inner-city school where over 60% of the students receive financial aid and qualify for the federal meal program. Grant funds were used to purchase art supplies, 2 sets of tone chimes, music stands and licensing/copyright fees.



The SNJM Ministry Fund was established in 2007 as a means to help support some of the projects and ministries in which our Sisters and Associates are actively involved. Sisters and Associates can apply for a grant for any project that reflects our Chapter Acts, Corporate Stands, or mission of education in the faith and the full development of the human person. Thirty-six grants were awarded this fiscal year.

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You Walk With Us as PARTNERS IN MINISTRY through:
Financial Support, Volunteer Support, and Prayer Support



Thank You for the many ways you support the Sisters, our mission and our ministries! Your gifts make a big difference. They enable us to improve the lives of those in need, to educate others in the faith, and to care for our retired and infirm Sisters.

Become a Sustaining Donor

Sustaining donors are those who make monthly or quarterly contributions. These regular gifts help to “sustain” the Sisters of the Holy Names ministry and retirement needs through our general operating fund.

- ◆ Send your gift in a monthly envelope sent directly to you
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- ◆ Use your credit card and the “donate now” button on our website www.snjmca.org

Give a Gift from your IRA

Congress has extended the IRA charitable rollover provisions through the end of 2011. If you are over 70 ½ years of age, you can transfer gifts directly from your IRA account to the Sisters of the Holy Names without having to pay income tax on the amount withdrawn.

Consider a Planned Gift

A planned gift (also called a deferred gift or legacy gift) can have a long lasting charitable impact. It is a means of giving that is structured to be beneficial to you and your needs during your lifetime and to continue your charitable interests for years afterwards.

Send your gift or prayer request in the enclosed envelope, or use your credit card and choose one of the “donate now” buttons on our website www.snjmca.org

For information or questions, contact Sister Kathryn Ondreyco – 408-395-0259 or kondreyco@snjmason.org



Sister Joan Katheryn, Sister Jackie Slater and Sister Ruth Raftery pulling the winning tickets

Thank you for participating in our Strawberry Day Drawing

With your help, we raised **\$65,372** to assist in supporting our retired and infirm Sisters in the Los Gatos Convent.

Drawing Winners

1st prize \$1,000 - Donna Colvey Monahan

2nd prize \$500 - Dorothea Moodie Howell

3rd prize \$250 - Rose Que Lue



Visit the New SNJM California Website: www.snjmca.org

Learn about our history and ministries in California, read back issues of PERSPECTIVES, see photo albums, read tributes to our deceased Sisters, sign up to receive our newsletters by email, and make a donation online using a credit card. There are also links to follow for information about SNJMs elsewhere in the U.S.-Ontario Province and around the world. And...Sisters of the Holy Names, U.S.-Ontario Province is also on FACEBOOK!



In Loving Memory

Sister Carletta Marie Anderson

(Elizabeth Keeley Anderson)

Dec. 12, 1914 - April 12, 2011

This is what God asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God. ~ Micah 6:8

To learn more about a deceased Sister

visit www.snjmca.org

Go to *What's Happening*

on the pull-down menu

and select *Remembering Our Sisters*

Give a Gift of Prayer

A GIFT OF PRAYER is a thoughtful and compassionate way to remember the deceased and can be particularly consoling for a friend or loved one who is coping with a death or other life challenge.

A GIFT OF PRAYER is a special way to honor someone, give thanks or celebrate a special occasion.

Recipients' names are recorded in either the GIFT OF PRAYER or IN MEMORIAM book in the Chapel at the Convent of the Holy Names in Los Gatos. They, and their intentions, are remembered during Mass and held in the prayers of the Holy Names Sisters and Associates. A card is sent to the person or family you indicate; donation amounts are kept confidential. All contributions help support the Sisters and our ministries.

NOTE: Each card is personalized using the information you provide. If you would like us to add a personal sentiment from you, or a special salutation or closing, we can include that as well.

Mail form to: Sisters of the Holy Names, PO Box 907, Los Gatos, CA 95031



GIFT OF PRAYER REQUEST FORM

PRAYERS FOR: _____

(Name of person/persons)

IN MEMORIAM: Recently Deceased? Yes No

SPECIAL INTENTION _____

Healing, comfort, strength, peace, speedy recovery, safe trip etc.

TO HONOR/CELEBRATE _____

Birthday, baptism, anniversary, holiday, promotion, friendship, etc.

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS?

SEND CARD TO: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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Congratulations Jubilarians!



50 Years of Vowed Life

Standing: Sr. Joan Katheryn, Sr. Mary Ondreyco (Maureen Andrew), Sr. JoAnne Quinlivan (Maureen Joseph)

Front row: Sr. Gail Milholland (Emmanuel Mary), Sr. Genie Rohner (David Eugene), Sr. Fran Kearney (Thomas Joseph)

See more photos at www.snjmca.org



60 Years of Vowed Life

Standing (L-R): Sr. Maleada Mary Strange
 Sr. Mary Ann Stark (Clara Mary)
 Sr. Kathleen McDonough (Eileen Catherine)
 Sr. Jackie Slater (Magdalena Mary)
 Sr. Virginia Stuart (Regina Clare)
 Sr. Sylvia Bartheld (Catherine Elizabeth)

75 Years of Vowed Life

Sr. Mary Gabriel Kennedy
 Sr. Ruth Raftery (Rosalia Mary)
 Sr. Mary Herbert Raphael