

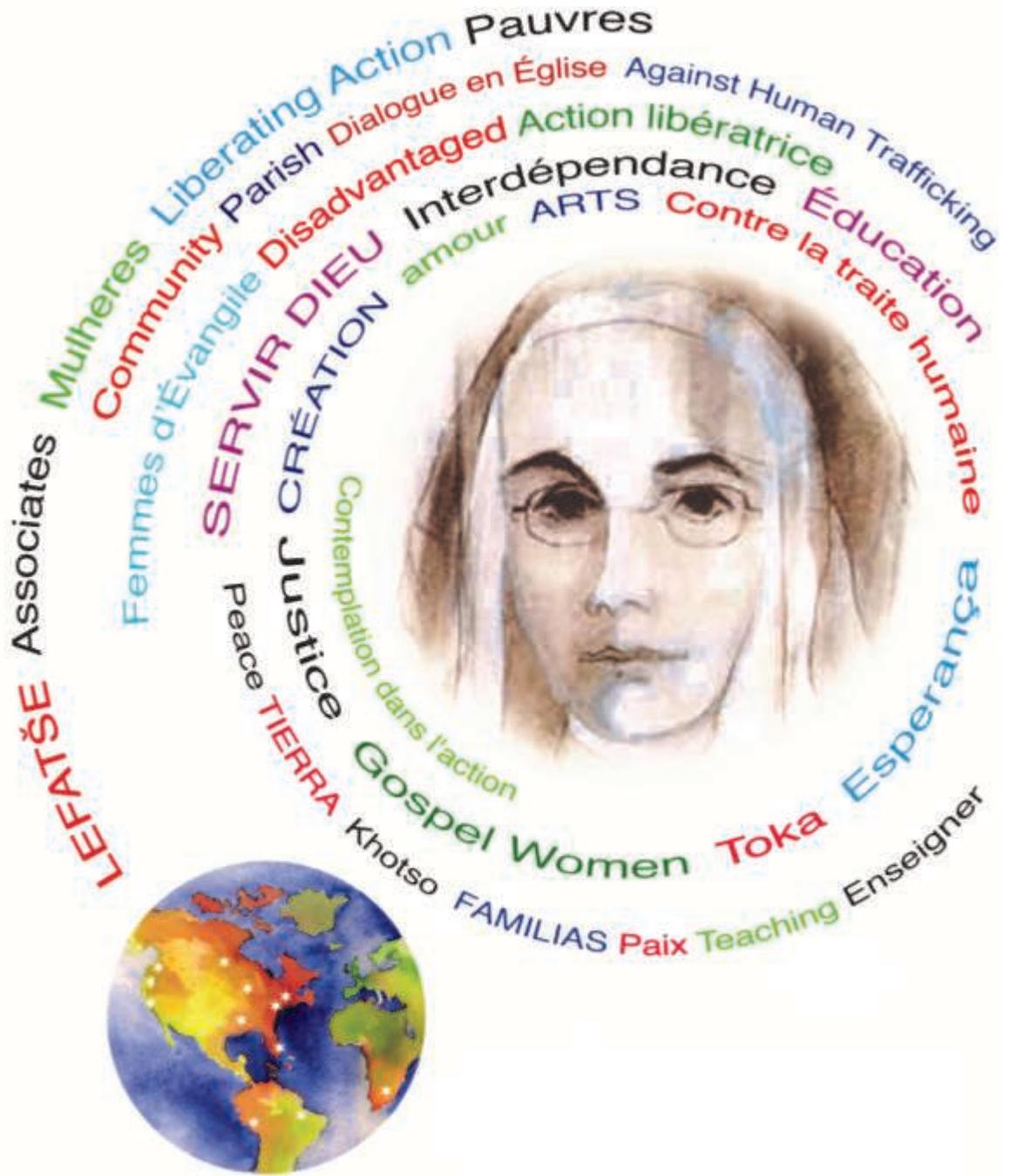


PERSPECTIVES

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Marie Rose Durocher

October 6, 1811 - October 6, 1849



Soeurs des Saints Noms de Jésus et de Marie
Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary

An Extraordinary Woman, An Extraordinary Legacy

Happy 200th Birthday Eulalie Durocher!



Copper statue by Sr. Mary Paula Turnbull, SNJM

On October 6th, 2011 we celebrated the 200th birthday of Eulalie Durocher who, as Sister Marie Rose, founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. We continue to be inspired by her profound faith, her forward-thinking vision, her dedication to ministry, and her commitment to helping the economically disadvantaged. We are awed by what she was able to accomplish, under difficult circumstances, during her short life (1811 –1849).

Blessed Marie Rose left a legacy of commitment and zeal that is embodied in the lives of the SNJM Sisters and Associates of today, and her influence is global. Holy Names Sisters and Associates are not only in the United States and Canada, we are in Peru, Brazil, Nicaragua, Vietnam, Lesotho, and South Africa, and can be found serving in education, parish and social work, health care services, justice and peace groups, and many other ministries.

“Since we tread along the same way, let us lend a hand to one another to help surmount the difficulties that present themselves.” - Mother Marie Rose

Giving Drug Addicts Hope for the Future

SISTER MARY LEO GRIJALVA

“In jail ministry, I became addicted to addicts!”

There is hope for the future for many women and men whose lives were turned from drug addiction thanks to the help and support of Sister Mary Leo.

Teresa, a former top drug dealer, has been drug free for 17 years. She now works in property management and is the mother of two beautiful daughters. *“Thank you Sister Mary for loving me when I was not so loveable, for you truly have shown me how to love others. My daughters know you as the angel who saved their mommy.”*

Linda is an addict who served time in prison. She, too, is now drug free and happily married with children. *“You took the time to make me see that God’s way was right for me. Thanks to you, GOD IS MY WAY.”*

You might wonder how Sister Mary Leo, who spent her first 35 years teaching and giving hope to elementary school students, turned to giving hope to those addicted to drugs. Sr. Mary Leo was born and raised in Los Angeles but her parents later moved to Whittier, where Sister would pass by a boy’s prison on her visits home. Something struck a chord within her because years later, she found a “second calling” in jail ministry and returned to Los Angeles—this time to the County Jail!

Picture Sr. Mary Leo—soft-spoken, diminutive (barely 5’ tall). How does she succeed in relating to hardened criminals? *“It is Grace of God in action,”* she says, that enables her to show kindness, patience, understanding, and belief in the dignity of these men and women. Sr. Mary Leo’s smile and sense of humor touches their hearts and leads many of these prisoners to happy, successful lives. *“What a privileged service to assist these hurting individuals toward a new life in Christ! It is faith-strengthening to witness the miracle of His amazing grace.”*



Inspiring Hope Through Art

SISTER DOROTHY NOLAN



Sister Dorothy Nolan (right)

Sister Dorothy Nolan's joyful presence and her philosophy "to relate to people wherever they are at the moment...just as they are" has enabled her to give hope to a large segment of God's people through her lifetime of ministry. She has been a teacher, parish worker, retreat program developer, a grief and bereavement counselor, and has ministered in spirituality development.

Today, you will find Sr. Dorothy offering hope to others through her volunteer work with the **Northern California Alzheimer's Association's "Memories in the Making" Program**; geared to help men and women living with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Using watercolor painting and art to connect with their memories, each person chooses a picture to paint. With guidance from Sr. Dorothy, the artists are encouraged to share the

stories and memories that arise for them as they paint. Those who are no longer able to speak simply share their memories through the images they create. The participants are given an opportunity to express themselves creatively, and along with that come feelings of pride and self confidence. As a talented artist herself, she delights in watching the artists come to life through their dreams and creations.

The artwork is often displayed in a gallery setting at Alzheimer's Association events. At the annual fundraiser several of the pictures are professionally framed and auctioned. The artists are invited to attend these events and share their stories with the general public as a way to honor the artists and educate others about this disease.

While none of us knows what our future holds, let us never give up hope. Sr. Dorothy's ministry is an example of offering hope...not only for those living with Alzheimer's, but also for the families observing their loved ones creating, sharing and enjoying!

In Loving Memory



Sister Mary Felicitas Supple
(Elizabeth Mary Supple)

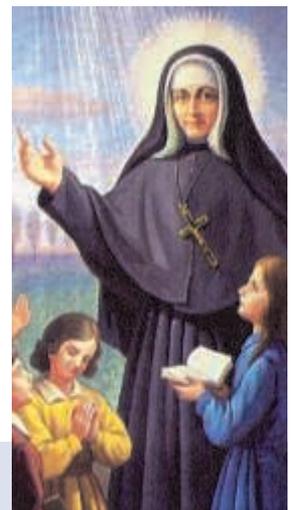
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Go to *News and Events*; select *Remembering Our Sisters* on the pull-down menu.

Her Vision, Our Mission

Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, live in the faith, spirit, and charism of foundress, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, working to fulfill her compelling desire to educate the poor, empower women intellectually and spiritually, and enable others to develop to their full potential.



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Don't Miss the Chance to Give a Gift from your IRA Without Having to Pay Tax

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.

Consult your tax advisor or call Sr. Kathryn Ondreyco (408-395-2868) for more information.

Planning for the Future - The 33rd General Chapter

The 33rd SNJM General Chapter Meeting was held this summer in Cornwall, Ontario, Canada. There were 33 delegates, elected by the Sisters, representing our international Congregation. In addition, 6 Associates were invited and 6 Sisters who had been part of the 2010 “Young Sisters Meeting” in Lesotho. General Chapter is held every 5 years; a new Congregational Leadership team is elected, and SNJM directions and priorities are determined for the next 5 years. Key among the recent directions, is a commitment to collaborate with people and organizations that share the goals of our mission.

“In order to respond to the compelling needs of the 21st century, the Chapter challenges us to live interdependence by collaborating inter-generationally, inter-culturally, and internationally. This is both an individual challenge and a Congregational challenge. Whether we are young, old, in good health or frail, we have opportunities each day to touch the lives of the persons who minister to us, among whom we minister, or with whom we collaborate in ministry.” Sister Mary Ellen Holohan, Provincial Leader of the U.S.-Ontario Province



Some of the delegates and guests attending the international meeting



Sister Mary Haupt, Delegate: I was honored and humbled to participate in this Chapter. In many ways the experience was a reflection of what we hope to be always—sharing our lives in community and mission across ages, languages, cultures, and countries. The richness of our prayer and ritual, and our discussions and times of relaxation and fun, were energizing and inspiring. It was a wonderful gift/opportunity to be part of setting direction for the community. Finding ways to experience and deepen our international and intergenerational realities is, at once, hope-filled and challenging. *“This deeper call to interdependence gives us the opportunity to be creative, prophetic and collaborative as we move into the future.”*



Sister Anna Keim, Guest: I was one of the 6 guests representing the “young Sisters” who met at a Congregational gathering in Lesotho in 2010. At this Chapter, I participated in all discussions and enjoyed many conversations that energized me and gave me great hope for the future of the SNJMs. It was a wonderful experience to come to an understanding of what interdependence means in terms of our lives and the reality of our Community, and experience our international and intercultural reality. *“The presence and participation of Sisters and Associates from our 5 cultures had a profound influence on me; I felt connected to the SNJM community throughout the world.”*



Judy Borland, Guest: That I was to be one of 2 U.S.-Ontario Province Associate guests to attend General Chapter brought me to tears. I am eternally grateful to this community for allowing me to be part of this process. I expected to be a spectator, but couldn't have been more wrong. I was a participant in a Spirit and grace-filled time of prayer, singing and exploring issues that touch, stretch and change the lives of the people of God. The pace was incredibly fast. *“It is likely that it will take me years to unpack all that took place. I am incredibly blessed and forever changed. Thank you!”*

Gifts for the Future - SNJM Donors



Tom & Bonnie Bistline

It is our pleasure to help support the Sisters of the Holy Names. Our monthly gifts support the Sisters who are retired—those at Los Gatos, and those who continue in volunteer ministries. We love being a part of their lives in this way, since the Sisters were such a large part of my life as I grew up. My dad, Bernard (Bernie) Anderson started All Souls Catholic School in Alhambra, CA in 1930. I graduated from there in 1958, and my brothers in 1960 and 1961 respectively. We had a strong tie to the school and the Holy Names Sisters.

One fond memory for me was when Sister Mary Margaret (Sr. Helen O’Sullivan) encouraged me to try out for cheerleader in the 8th grade. Making the team was a huge confidence booster and a great experience. *Thank you Sisters of the Holy Names, you are greatly appreciated.* ~Bonnie (Anderson) Bistline

Since I first met them at Holy Names College in 1958, the Sisters of the Holy Names have been, and remain, a very important part of my life. The experiences and education I received were a large part of helping me grow into the person I am today, in my private, parish and professional lives. The donations I give, and the times I volunteer at the Los Gatos Marie Rose Guild events, are a small token of my deep gratitude, love and affection for so many wonderful women. *I have named the Sisters as the beneficiaries of my life insurance policy. Down the road, this gift will help them to continue their ministries and to be cared for as lovingly and professionally as they are today.* ~ Cecelia Tutt



Give a Gift of Prayer for Christmas

We will send a Christmas card to the person or family you indicate, letting them know that they are enrolled in the GIFT OF PRAYER, and that they will be remembered during Mass in the Chapel at the Convent of the Holy Names in Los Gatos, and in the prayers of the Sisters and Associates. Cards will be personalized using the information you provide; we can add a note, and a special greeting and closing. Donation amounts are kept confidential. All contributions support the Sisters and our ministries.

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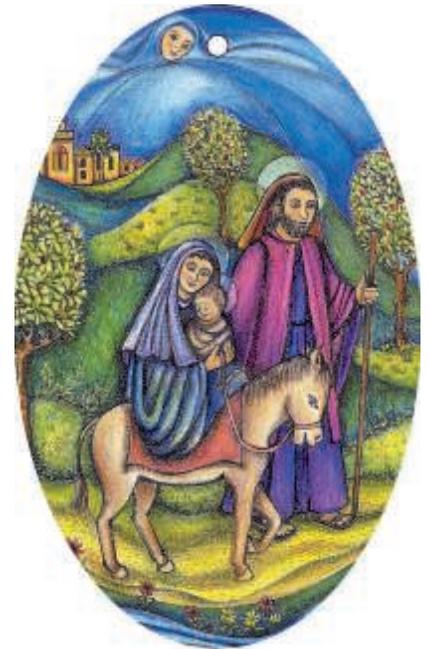
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Watch the mail for your 2011 Christmas Ornament

Write your intentions on one ornament and return it to us. We will hang it on a Christmas tree by the entrance to our Chapel. In January, it will be given to one of our Sisters or Associates who will then pray for you, your family, and your intentions throughout the year.

Congratulations to Sister Sharon Francis

Sister Sharon was recently honored by the **Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem** and the **President's Council on Service and Participation** for her efforts to help stop the trafficking of women and children. She ministers at **Saint Matthew Parish, Long Beach**, in Faith Formation and Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults. Visit snjmca.org for more information.



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