It's a giant holiday bazaar

Thousands of handmade gifts for holiday giving — the work of hundreds of Holy Names Sisters, their families, friends and students from throughout the Order's state-wide California province — will be featured at the Fourth Annual Holy Names Festival Bazaar to be held on the Holy Names College campus at 3500 Mountain Blvd, Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Tobin Hall. Co-sponsoring the event with the Holy Names Sisters is the Marie Rose Guild, an auxiliary made up of mothers of members of the emotionally known teaching Order. The Guild's colorful handmade Christmas decorations
Marie Rose Guild Members Have Shared Their Skills for 3 Generations

The Marie Rose Guild (MRG) was organized under the direction of Mother Helen Irene, Mistress of Novices. Its first meeting was held on May 1, 1951 at the College of the Holy Names on the shores of Lake Merritt in Oakland. The 20 women who attended were primarily the mothers of the postulants and novices in formation. Sister Josepha Mary was the first moderator.

The novitiate had been at Holy Names College, in Oakland, since 1868. The Sisters explained the need to move the novitiate, the infirmary, and the SNJM administrative staff from the college to a new location. The new site, in Los Gatos, would accommodate 80 novices and postulants.

The initial purpose of the Guild was to help obtain funds to buy furnishings for the new buildings. The first major fundraising project was a festival and bazaar. It netted about $5,000. Small parties, luncheons, Canasta groups, fashion shows, and many rummage sales followed. The Guild expanded from the Oakland/San Francisco area, adding chapters in Los Gatos, Marin, Santa Cruz, and Southern California.

Eventually, the need for a large novitiate changed. The Convent was converted into the home and care center for California’s growing population of retired Sisters of the Holy Names.

Many changes were needed to accommodate the special needs of the elder Sisters, and the convent wasn’t so “new” anymore. Expenses for upkeep and repairs were mounting. The Marie Rose Guild changed the focus of its fundraising to the need for helping to support the retired and infirm Sisters.

Throughout these 60+ years, the Guild has always been there—working to help support the Sisters of the Holy Names. Though their numbers have decreased, the members of the Marie Rose Guild have been, and continue to be, a very dedicated group. The Guilds in Los Gatos and Southern California are still active today.

Information about upcoming Guild events, and photos from past events, can be seen on our website www.snjmca.org under the pull-down heading News and Events.
Thank You to all Marie Rose Guild members, past and present, for your friendship and ongoing support, and to all of you who have supported the Guild over the years with your time, talents, gifts, or attendance at one of the Guild’s luncheons, boutiques, teas, or other fundraising events.
SNJM Mini-Grants Help Sisters Share Their Gifts In Service to Others

Sister Daleen Larkin Enhances Learning at St. Andrew School

“Learning through technology is irresistible to even the youngest of our children.”

As principal of Saint Andrew School (SAS), Sr. Daleen is responsible for curriculum development and making sure students have the tools they need to succeed in today’s technology driven world. She has been a driving force in the use of technology to enhance learning at SAS since 1989. Sr. Daleen received an SNJM Mini-Grant to buy 10 iPad tablets for her school to use as a “traveling information center.”

The sign-out sheet for the iPad tablets is always full. Their use in the classroom gives the kindergarten through eighth grade students direct and immediate website access to educational resources on any subject at the same time as it is being taught by the teacher—enhancing both teaching and learning in a dynamic and powerful way.

The teachers and students eagerly incorporate math lessons and interactive reading experiences into the classroom experience and investigate resources for their projects. Parents were introduced to the iPad and its many educational opportunities at a recent parent meeting. Website: www.saspasadena.com

Sister Eileen Dunn Helps At-Risk Children Develop Self-Discipline and Trust

“Sr. Eileen’s total dedication to the spiritual and educational well-being of students/participants in St. Gabriel’s School of Religious Education and St. Gabriel’s Petworth Youth Program, has given her invaluable insights into the hearts of children and the respect of parents/guardians.”

The retreat is led by clinical social workers and counselors. Interactive workshops are used to teach different strategies the children can use to cope with difficult situations, stop various forms of bullying, and avoid involvement in risky behaviors. Participants build self-worth by recognizing their personal talents. They learn the importance of self-discipline and the value of trust and teamwork.

Most importantly, the children learn how to develop a relationship with God, and having God as their primary source of consolation often has a profound liberating effect on their lives. The purpose and goals of the project are reinforced with a follow-up support session during the school year and a culminating activity in the spring.
Life today seems busier, noisier and more stressful. People feel the need to be available to each other 24 hours a day by cell phone or email. Many people, especially low income parents, are so busy working and taking care of others that they can’t seem to find time to take care of themselves. Sister Cecilia Calva is trying to change that reality. She believes it is very important for people to take a few minutes now and then to quiet their minds, relax and be with God in meditation or prayer.

Sr. Cecilia received an SNJM Mini-Grant to teach stress reduction activities in low income communities. She worked with Spanish-speaking diocesan coordinators and spiritual directors to reach those in need and has taught 4 sessions, in Spanish—the largest to a group of 34 in the Watts area of South Central Los Angeles.

Sr. Cecilia teaches techniques, such as meditation and breathing exercises, that are simple to learn, take very little time to do, and can easily be shared with others.

“This is a perfect blend of the SNJM mission of education with an opportunity to work with immigrant families as they seek to provide their children with opportunities they themselves have never experienced.”

Learn more at: www.apopkafamilylearningcenter.com

Sister Cecilia Calva Teaches Quick & Easy Ways to Reduce Stress and Encourages Others to “Take the time to be still, appreciate the quiet, and know that God is there”.

TIP: An Easy Way to Increase Your Energy
Place the fingernails of your left and right hands together and “buff” them quickly back and forth.
“Blessed is the influence of one true, loving human soul on another.” ~ George Eliot (1819-1880)

Congratulations to the SNJM Jubilarians of 2012

Golden Jubilarians
50 Years of Vowed Life
From left to right:
Sister Patti Doyle (Sr. Maureen Thomas)
Sister Cecilia Calva (Sr. Louise Rose)
Sister Marguerite Kirk (Sr. Elizabeth Katherine)
Sister Maureen Viani

Jubilee is a time of thanksgiving, reflecting, remembering, celebrating, and giving thanks to God for life, love, people, service, and faithfulness.

Our religious consecration, a personal response to a divine call, is rooted in our baptismal commitment, and expresses it more fully.

We rejoice with this year’s Jubilarians in celebration of their many years of ministry, prayer, presence, community and witness.

Diamond Jubilarians
60 Years of Vowed Life
Front row (L to R):
Sister Vera Ruotolo (Sr. Paul Anthony)
Sister Francis Rose Klos
Sister Mary Leo Grijalva
Sister Kathleen Buzard

Back row (L to R):
Sister Miriam Irene Furrer
Sister Donna Maynard (Sr. Anne Regina)
Sister Mary Ann Connell (Sr. Lennora Mary)
Sister Jean Morningstar (Sr. Charles Dominic)

Not pictured: Sister Felice Marie Kolda

Jubilee of Grace
70 Years of Vowed Life
Sister Mary Elizabeth Doherty (Sr. Miriam Edward)
Sister Thomasine McMahon
Congratulations Sister Susan M. Maloney, SNJM

Sr. Susan was honored on May 6th with the Mary Award from the Immaculate Heart Community. The award is given to people who exemplify the spirit and faith of Mary and her discipleship.

Sr. Susan was chosen because of her work to abolish human trafficking, her ministry to women, and for the care she gave to Anita M. Caspary, IHM, founding president of the community.

At right, is a photo of Sr. Susan in 2009 speaking to a gathering of Women Religious in Rome about the work that is being done to stop human trafficking.

A Gift of Prayer - Useful for any Occasion

When we receive a request, we send a card to the person or family indicated, letting them know that they are enrolled in the GIFT OF PRAYER, and that they will be remembered during Mass and in the prayers of the Sisters. The card is personalized using the information you provide: we can even include a note from you and/or a special greeting and closing. Your donation helps to support the Sisters and our ministries; the amount is kept confidential.

It has been a comfort to me and my brother to have Mom enrolled by so many in the In Memoriam Gift of Prayer...She did love the Holy Names Sisters and I suspect will be praying for you from where she is now! Blessings and much love, Linda Boero Cook

I wish to express our appreciation that Gene has been enrolled in the Sisters of the Holy Names In Memoriam Gift of Prayer. The Sisters always had a special place in his heart from his early education experience and through many associations with friends and the education of his own daughter. Sincerely, Patricia Cattolica.

New! Prayer requests and donations can also be made on our website, www.snjmca.org

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ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS?

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Thank you to all who participated in our Strawberry Day Drawing

With your help, we raised $58,530 to assist in supporting the retired and infirm Sisters living at the Los Gatos Convent.

Drawing Winners

1st prize $1,000 - Yvonne Stein Lomboy, Marina, CA  
2nd prize $500 - Dorothy Opp, S. San Francisco, CA  
3rd prize $250 - Irma & Roberto Vitug, Montebello, CA

Photo: Sr. Mary Elizabeth, Sr. Miriam Irene, and Sr. Thomasine preparing to pull the winning tickets

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