Celebrating
our Sisters,
our Events,
our Ministries,
and our
Partners in Mission
Accolades and Honors

This Spring, many Sisters and Associates have been publicly recognized for their ministry and work. We thought we’d share a few.

**Sister Joan Byrne**, Albany New York, received the “2016 Outstanding Contribution by a Senior” award from the New York State Office for the Aging in recognition of her 40 years of service to DePaul Housing Management in Albany, NY. Sr. Joan also received a “Proclamation Honoring Sister Joan Byrne” from New York State Senator Neil D. Breslin (in photo right).

At the year-end gathering for the faculty at the San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS), Dean Jana Childers expressed gratitude and recognition for the work of **Sister Beth Liebert**, Berkeley, California. Sr. Beth has left a remarkable impact and legacy on the topic of Christian spirituality. Her colleagues shared:

“She came to us a Roman Catholic Sister, trying to learn about us, and in turn, she taught us what it means to be Presbyterian.”

**Dr. Anne Brooks** D.O., SNJM Sister and Osteopathic physician at the Tutwiler Clinic, Mississippi, received an award from William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Mississippi State Osteopathic Association in recognition of her significant achievements in support of the Osteopathic profession. After receiving the award, she gave the final blessing to the new graduates.

**Sister Martha Rolley** was honored for forming the Apple Distinguished Educators program. Twenty-two years ago, Sr. Martha had a vision to bring together educators from around the world to share ideas. Today, over 2,000 educators worldwide have earned their place as Apple Distinguished Educators, inspiring and influencing countless others through their example. A longtime colleague wrote: “I am thrilled to learn about your recognition for putting a human face and spirit on computing technology for teachers and learners—all while supporting your Sisters...

“You are a mustard seed.”

Santa Fe **Archbishop John C. Wester** and SNJM Associate was asked to give the homily at the Eucharistic Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. This year’s theme was “Be Merciful Just As Your Father is Merciful.” This annual event offers two spirited days of prayer, service, learning, community, worship, and attracts thousands of Catholics from around the region.

**Sister Janet Walton**, was named Professor Emerita at Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and conferred the title “Professor Emerita of Worship.” The citation read as follows: “Janet Walton—teacher, liturgist, musician, and faithful community member—you have profoundly shaped our worship life for 36 years... you have taught us to listen to each other, particularly the voices of women and the poor; you have asked to risk the discomfort of crossing boundaries; and you have welcomed beauty wherever it may be found.”

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**Lynn Rombi** of Monterey, California made her SNJM Associate commitment at Holy Spirit Chapel in Campbell in May. Lynn holds two theology degrees and has a rich ministerial history. She currently serves as Villa Maria del Mar’s Spirituality Program Assistant working with Sister Molly Neville. Kathy Herrington, Associate, represented the SNJM community to receive Lynn’s promises. Her formation community, the Villa Maria del Mar Sisters, attended as did her two daughters, granddaughter, and many friends from the Monterey Diocese.
Celebration in Peru

In Lima, Peru, on March 19th, we celebrated with great joy the perpetual profession of Sister Yenny Chipana Lima.

Her family had a 16-hour bus ride from Arequipa to be there. Members of the SNJM Congregation and Mission Sector leadership teams flew in for the occasion, as well as Sister Brigid Baumann, Oregon, and Sister Mary Ondreyco, who have known Yenny since she was a young girl. The celebration concluded with dancing and delicious Peruvian food.

Sr. Yenny grew up in La Curva where she came to know the Holy Names Sisters who ministered in this small town. She went on to University and received her degree in social work. Through her university years, she kept in touch with the Holy Names Community. In 2004 she decided to move to Lima to once again connect with the Holy Names Sisters who had refounded a mission there.

Sr. Yenny is a member of the SNJM Mission Sector. Her ministry is with a Mental Health Program sponsored by the Peruvian government, and she has initiated a program for children and families in her local parish.

SNJM Schools Win the Just Video Awards

The winners have been announced for the annual Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center’s video contest for High School Juniors & Seniors.

This year, Sisters of the Holy Names’ schools took all top honors: Ramona Secondary winning first; Ramona and Holy Names Academy in Seattle tying for second, and Holy Names Academy and St. Mary’s Academy in Winnipeg tying for third.

For the contest, students—working in groups or individually—were to produce a 3-5 minute video on one of the following topics: Immigration, Human Rights (including human trafficking), or the Environment (water or climate change). The video was to incorporate at least one of the following perspectives: Catholic Social Teaching, Social Justice or Catholic/Christian tradition.

You can view the winning entries on the IPJC website: www.ipjc.org
Jubilee 2016

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

We rejoice with this year’s California Jubilarians celebrating their anniversaries of ministry.

Golden Jubilee
Five Sisters of the Holy Names renewed their vows in celebration of 50 years of consecrated life on Saturday, April 2nd at St. Mary’s Church in Los Gatos. In addition, they remembered two Sisters from their group who died before the Golden Jubilee celebration: Sr. Margaret Spiller, who passed away in February, and Sr. Judy Rinek, who died in 2010.

Senior Jubilee
The Senior Jubilee held on June 4th, celebrated those Sisters reaching the milestones of 60, 70, and 80 years of consecrated life. Each of the 80 year Jubilarians were serenaded with song as it was Sr. Herbie’s 99th birthday that day, and anyone who knows Sr. Ruthie, (who is 100 ½ years old), knows that no day is complete without singing “Morning Has Broken” at least once!
Strawberry Luncheon

On Wednesday, May 25th, 180 guests—a record number, attended the annual Strawberry Luncheon held at the Orchard City Banquet Hall in Campbell, California. Once again, 5th grade girls from St. Mary’s School in Los Gatos joined us as hostesses and helpers. This event would not be possible without the mothers (past and present) from St. Mary’s that volunteer their time to come serve.

Linda Poncetta won the drawing for the tuffet (remember Miss Muffet?) handmade by Sr. Mary Sullivan and her sister Jean Nelson.

More pictures from the day are on our website www.snjmca.org; select Event Photo Albums under News and Events.

Thank you to all who participated in our Strawberry Day Drawing on May 2nd. To date, with your help, we have raised $64,404, to assist with the living expenses of our retired and infirm Sisters.

Drawing Winners

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Portions of the prize money have been donated back to the Sisters.

Meet Me at the Villa Dinner

Villa Maria del Mar held their “Meet Me at the Villa” fundraiser on May 18 which included a reception and dinner for 135 guests. There was an auction of donated items such as dinners, golf packages, wine packages and travel that raised additional funds. A big thank you to the volunteers, staff, and Sisters who went above and beyond to create a wonderful evening. It was great fun for all.
None of us got where we are solely by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps. We got here because somebody—a parent, a teacher, ...or a few nuns—bent down and helped us pick up our boots.

~Thurgood Marshall

Stories from Donors

The Sisters of the Holy Names have been a part of my family since my mother and uncle attended St. Anne’s Elementary School in Santa Monica. They were grateful for the education received from the Sisters. When it was time for my sister and me to go to school, we were enrolled at St. Clement’s Elementary School in Ocean Park and later at St. Monica’s High School in Santa Monica.

I was deeply influenced by Sister Felice Marie Kolda and other high school teachers. The education I received at those schools enabled me to do well at nearby Mount St. Mary’s University.

My husband, Jerry O’Connor, and I began donating to the Sisters in 1991 with a Christmas gift. In 2009, we became monthly donors. We will continue this support as long as we are able.

P.S. My uncle, Roy Ringwald, began his music career at St. Anne’s. His first exposure to music came from the Sisters there who taught him piano and violin. He continued his studies “on his own” through high school and was playing paid engagements at the age of 12. Roy joined Fred Waring’s Pennsylvanians in 1935 and devoted his career to composing and arranging. He is well known for his musical arrangement of the poem “Battle Hymn of the Republic” as well as many other favorites. One can ‘google’ Roy Ringwald and read about his accomplishments.

–Nena Jeffares O’Connor

My memories of the Sisters date back to my days at St. Gregory Elementary School in Los Angeles. The Sisters put up with me, gave me structure and discipline, and I didn’t always agree with the nuns at the time, but they were right. Their support and encouragement were influential in my life. They gave me a break as a youth and I now give back to them ‘in a small way’ for what they gave to me. I make my monthly gift through the credit card option on the website.

I encourage my classmates to support the Sisters in gratitude for the fine education they gave us.

–Hal Liberman

My husband and I support the Sisters because I am so grateful for my education at Holy Names High School. My sister and I were depression students and Sister Catherine of Siena allowed our parents to pay just $10 a month for the two of us. I went on to Holy Names College and then St. Mary’s School of Nursing. Donating is my way of thanking the Sisters for a wonderful start in my life.

–Elizabeth Hart Bucci
Gift of Prayer

A Gift of Prayer is a thoughtful and special way to honor a friend or relative, give thanks for God’s many blessings, or celebrate a special occasion: birthday, wedding, anniversary; or remember the deceased.

A Gift of Prayer can be particularly consoling for a friend or loved one who is coping with a death or other life challenge. Prayers may be requested for special intentions, such as improved health, successful surgery, comfort, strength, peace or whatever is needed.

A card acknowledging your gift is sent to the person or family indicated and we’ll send you a thank-you card as well. Donation amounts are always kept confidential and we do not put the recipient on any solicitation list. Contributions help support the Sisters and their ministries.

To have the Sisters pray for you or someone you know, please fill out the form below and mail to us. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR ___________________________________ NAME OF PERSON/PERSONS

☐ IN MEMORIAM (RECENTLY DECEASED? ☐ Yes ☐ No)

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healing, strength, peace, gratitude, speedy recovery, safe trip, etc.

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What the Gift of Prayer Means to Me

Giving a gift of prayer is so much more beneficial than giving any thing I could buy. Knowing that others are there supporting you with their prayers is most comforting. The Sisters’ prayers have helped my friends, my relatives, and myself for many years. I’m most grateful.

–Martha O’Brien, San Leandro, CA

In Memoriam

To learn more about the life and ministry of this Sister, visit www.snjmca.org: select Sisters Obituaries under News and Events

Sister Kathleen McDonough
Sister Eileen Catharine
June 25, 1930–March 5, 2016
“May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
may God hold you in the hollow of God’s hand.”
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Looking Ahead

This year, we’ve decided to produce two 12-page issues of Perspectives that will allow us to go into more detail on stories about our Sisters, their ministries, and the work they are doing on the social justice issues that are dear to all our hearts. In between the publications, we would like to keep you informed of our news via e-mail.

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