

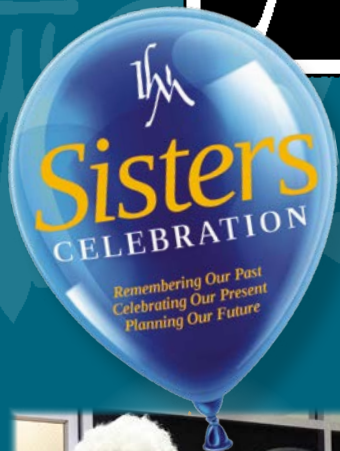
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FAMILY AND FRIENDS CELEBRATE THE SISTERS OF IHM

Members of the IHM Congregation were joined by family, friends, community leaders, and benefactors at the fourth Sisters of IHM Celebration on Saturday, August 5. The annual event, hosted by the Sisters of IHM Foundation, serves as a major fundraiser in support of

the retirement needs of the sisters living at *Pascucci Family Our Lady of Peace Residence* in Scranton.



L-R: John Murray, Foundation president, Sara Ferrario, Joe Ferrario, Sister Ellen Maroney, IHM, Foundation board member, Sister Mary Pio Ferrario, IHM, Rosebud Ferrario, Pia Ferrario, award recipient, Nick Ferrario, Mary Rinaldi, Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, Foundation executive director.

The celebration honored Pia Ferrario with the Sisters of IHM Spirit Award. This award recognized Pia's lifelong commitment to the IHM Community, as well as her service to her parish in New York City and her philanthropic and charitable affiliations. Nearly 20 family members and friends of the Ferrario family, including Sister Mary Pio Ferrario, IHM, Pia's sister, attended the event at Marywood University.



L-R: IHM Foundation board members Tim McMullen, Atty. Michael McGrath, Nada Gilmartin, Sister Ellen Maroney, IHM, award recipient Pia Ferrario, Foundation board members Sister Cor Immaculatum Heffernan, IHM, Maggie Mariotti, John Murray, Foundation board president, and Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, Foundation executive director.

IHM Foundation president, John Murray, proudly shared the Foundation's success in supporting the sisters who have given so much to others. "The Foundation began four years ago with the goal of raising \$10,000 and to date we have raised over \$250,000!"

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IHM Sisters Susan Hadzima and Jane Gaughan



Sister Dolores Banick, IHM, Joseph Banick, Monsignor Thomas Banick, Ann Boland Chase and Dale Chase



Sister Maryalice Jacquinet, IHM, Mary Ann Jacquinet, Gerard Jacquinet, Michele Ditchkus and John Ditchkus

PEOPLE & PLACES

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY GATHERING

Nearly 200 IHM Sisters and Associates gathered for the annual assembly. Sister Ellen Maroney, IHM, Congregation president and Sister Barbara Stanbridge, IHM, facilitator for Chapter 2018 addressed the group. The sisters spent the day in prayer and conversation about their plans for the future. In between they enjoyed catching up with each other. In a touching Prayer of Remembrance, they reverently honored the 17 sisters who died this past year. Many sisters then attended St. Joseph's Festival or worked their posts at the festival stands.



MARYWOOD SEMINARY ALUMNAE GATHERED FOR A FINAL REUNION



Final Grand Reunion – June 2017 in thanksgiving for spiritual and educational guidance under the care of the sisters 1902-1971. Seated L-R: Michelle Gerrity Druther; Sister Maryla Farfour, moderator; Nada Jennings Gilmartin, chairperson; Marie Matuszewski Scott. Standing L-R: Ann Marie Gilgallon Mariani; Ann Lavelle Powell; Catherine Walsh Clarke; Marguerite Nardone Gruen, president; Elizabeth Small Murray, recording secretary; Jo Ann Kelly Rachford; Joyce Ludgate Welby; Roseanne Brutico, corresponding secretary; Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM; Pat Hennigan Rosetti; Sister Kathryn Clauss, IHM; Nan O'Donnell Wandalowski; Mimi Hoffman; Marjorie DeSanto Barlow.

NEW BOOK AVAILABLE BY SISTER MICHEL KEENAN, IHM

Sister Michel Keenan, IHM, has published the story of St. Joseph's/Marian Community Hospital, Carbondale, PA, from its beginnings in 1926 to its closing in 2013. Sister Michel details the Scranton IHM Sisters' many challenges as they labored to build an outstanding healthcare center and nursing school for the region. Available now at: CreateSpace <https://www.createspace.com/7100972> or Amazon <http://tinyurl.com/mlcnmxr>

BEST WISHES TO SISTER ANN WALSH, IHM

Best wishes to Sister Ann Walsh, IHM, who will no longer serve as the CEO of Friends of the Poor (FOP). She will be staying on as assistant director



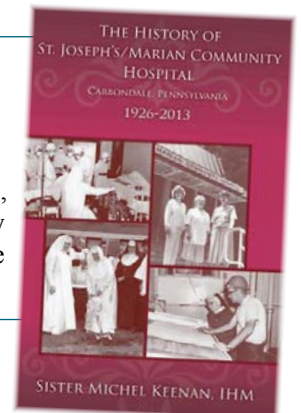
of FOP and will continue providing direct service to those in need throughout the greater Scranton area.

Effective July 2017, Meghan E. Loftus assumed responsibility as the new FOP president

and chief executive officer. Meghan earned a Master of Public Administration degree from Marywood University. Sister Ellen Maroney, IHM, in announcing Meghan's appointment, noted that "Meghan's professional experience and her ability to facilitate collaboration will be invaluable in her new position."



The Marywood Seminary Memorial marks the location of the Motherhouse of the Sisters, Servants of the IHM which housed the Marywood Seminary grade and high schools. Enclosed in the memorial are the written legacies of members of the Marywood Seminary Alumnae Association.





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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



As we move into autumn and the vibrant colors of the leaves begin to appear, I am more aware than ever that this time of year signifies many changes:

- A new school year is beginning
- Cooler temperatures arrive
- The sun rises later and sets earlier
- Animals start preparing for winter
- The clocks are turned back an hour

As you read the latest issue of IHM Connection, you will be reminded of one thing which remains constant...the countless and enduring friendships the Sisters of IHM share with others. From the nearly 200 attendees and the many sponsors and donors of our fourth Sisters Celebration to our 192 Silver Circle sellers who sold over 4,000 memberships this year, we are deeply grateful and count you among our many blessings.

At all times, we thank God for guiding our way as we carry out our IHM mission and ministries. In this issue, we share stories of the 91 year IHM commitment at St. Rita Parish in Dundalk, MD, the dedication of Sister Roberta Peters, IHM, and her volunteers who teach over 90 ESL students each week, and the support of several foundations who are helping us maintain and enhance our programs.

Thanks to all of you, our readers and our friends, for your continued support. You are in our prayers always.

Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM
Director of Development



IHMS RECEIVE MCGOWAN GRANT TO AID STUDENTS

The IHM Congregation expresses sincere gratitude to the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund for the 2017-18 grant award of \$27,000. This contribution will enable the IHM Educational Enrichment Institute (EEI) in Scranton to provide tuition assistance to those who otherwise could not afford academic help. EEI Director, Sister Rose Marie Mozzachio, IHM, works closely with volunteers to provide one-on-one tutoring sessions to students ranging in age from six years to adult.

NEW CIRCLE OF GRACE BEGINS IN CRESCO



IHM Associates in Cresco, PA, are filled with the passion and spirit of St. Alphonsus. Several of them will facilitate a new Circle of Grace starting in October. The departure of IHM sisters from Cresco offers our associates the opportunity to demonstrate the kind of leadership and initiative that are so characteristic of Theresa Maxis and Louis Gillet. Jane O'Neill, director of IHM Associates, will guide these women as they facilitate the process. We support this new Circle of Grace in our daily prayers and look forward to welcoming them to the IHM Center for congregation gatherings, liturgies, and celebrations.

Pictured are the associates who will facilitate the new circle, L to R: Daniela Rivera, Beverly Hartje, Arlene Calemme and Marguerite Morrow.

IHM FAREWELL MASS CELEBRATED AT ST. RITA PARISH

At the turn of the 20th century, as steelmaking in Maryland was burgeoning, the population of Dundalk, MD, was expanding. The need for a Catholic church followed by a Catholic school grew as well. In 1926, St. Rita School opened its doors to 126 pupils and welcomed as teachers five Sisters, Servants of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tuition was \$1 per month per student.

In the decades that followed, St. Rita's reputation for educational excellence continued to grow. Student enrollment reached its peak of 969 students in 1959-60, and the number of IHM sisters serving there was 15.

Sister Beatrice Caulson, IHM, was principal in 1986 when the school was chosen as one of the best elementary schools in the United States. She has wonderful memories of the students and their parents. "The hardworking people of Dundalk wanted the best for their children and would help the school in any way they could," recalls Sister Beatrice.

With the decline of the steel industry, what began as subtle economic changes became drastic ones. With the loss of jobs came a drop in population. In 2006, after 80 years of educating the youth of the parish, and after much struggle and with great sadness, St. Rita School closed its doors. However, the sisters continued to serve the parish community in faith formation, religious education programming, and as pastoral associates until June of this year.

On June 25, 2017, nearly 300 people, including the 15 IHM sisters pictured here, gathered at St. Rita Church to attend a farewell mass to honor the IHM sisters for their 91 years of service to the parish.



Front L-R: IHM sisters Kathryn Clauss, Madeline Swaboski, Helene Cooke, Ellen Maroney, Mary Lambert Rossi, Michael Marie Hartman, and Elizabeth Bullen. Back L-R: IHM sisters Janet Yurkanin, Mare Carol Loughney, Joan Bastress, Rosemary Goulet, Suzanne Delaney, Daniel Mary Heisey, Ann Parker, and Kathleen Lunnsmann.

SOAR! AWARDS GRANT TO IHMS

SOAR! recently presented a grant award for \$23,400 to the IHM Congregation. This grant will allow for necessary upgrades and repairs to the air temperature control system at the IHM Center and *Pascucci Family Our Lady of Peace Residence (OLP)*. SOAR! has been supporting IHM projects since 1992 and recently featured Sister Francis Rose Lapitino, IHM, on its website. Sister Frannie's current ministries include assisting in the development office at the IHM Center and serving as a Telespond companion at OLP. You can read the entire blog at <https://soar-usa.org/blog/2017/06/sister-francis-rose-lapitino-ihm/>.





RESORATION PROJECT CONTINUES TO GROW

About eight years ago, EarthCARE, an ad-hoc committee to the IHM Justice/Peace Committee, was formed. This group serves as a catalyst for raising consciousness about sustainable living and care for all creation.

The committee has been collaborating with professional designers and engineers to transform the land around the IHM Center into a more sustainable habitat for natural flora and fauna and to offer people a peaceful space to enjoy the natural beauty of creation. A recently completed walking path is already being enjoyed by the sisters and visitors to the property.

The Congregation of IHM received a Growing Greener grant award of over \$256,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and a \$5,000 grant award from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) to help fund work related to the restoration project.



Several members of the EarthCARE Committee including IHM sisters Maryalice Jacquinot, Alphonsa Concilio, Elizabeth DeMerchant, and Donna Korba received a helping hand from the Marywood women's soccer team and their assistant coach, Liz McGill. The women worked together to weed invasive species. IHM sisters Kieran Williams and Mindy Welding also assisted.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sponsors for the fourth Sisters of IHM Celebration (Gifts of \$1,000 - \$4,999)

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Legacy of Friendship

Many people enjoy giving to their favorite charity or non-profit organization at Christmas and year's end. Christmas and year-end giving is a spiritual opportunity to thank God for His many blessings. Year-end gifts may provide tax advantages to both you as the donor and to the receiving organization.

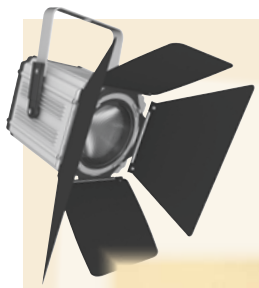
One popular method is the IRA charitable rollover. Donors age 70½ years or older are eligible to move up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to qualified charities without having to pay income tax on the money. According to the IRS, qualified charitable distributions can satisfy all or part of the amount of a person's required minimum distribution from an IRA. For more information about distributions from IRAs, please visit www.irs.gov/uac/about-publication-590b.

We ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift to help advance the IHM Sisters' mission and ministries. You may contact Sister Ann Monica Bubser at 570-346-5431 or bubsera@SistersofIHM.org with any questions.

Always consult with your attorney and/or financial advisor before finalizing a planned gift.

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SPOTLIGHT SILVER CIRCLE SELLER



*Kenny Noll visits with former teachers
IHM Sisters Cor Immaculatum Heffernan,
standing, and St. Kenneth Polley, seated.*

We would like to recognize Silver Circle Seller Mr. Kenny Noll. Kenny is a graduate of the former Bishop Klonoski High School in South Scranton where the compassion and care of IHM sisters Theresa O'Malley, Cor Immaculatum Heffernan, Patt Walsh, and St. Kenneth Polley had a lasting effect upon him. An active community volunteer since high school, Kenny credits his parents and the IHM Sisters for teaching him the importance of giving to others. When Sister Anita Brown, IHM, asked Kenny to help sell Silver Circle memberships some years ago, it came as no surprise to those who knew Kenny that he said yes.

When Sister Anita passed away 12 years ago, Kenny continued to connect with many who love the IHM sisters including former classmates and fellow parishioners at St. Eulalia Church. Kenny has increased the number of memberships he sells every year. Thank you Kenny for your love and support!

Like Kenny, you also can help support our retired sisters! You can invite friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors to become Silver Circle members. For only \$25, you can become a Silver Circle member or renew your Silver Circle Membership. To become a seller, contact Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, at bubsera@sistersofihm.org or 570 346-5431.



Black Friday. Cyber Monday.
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November 28, 2017



SERVICE-LEARNING IN GUATEMALA

IHM sisters Mindy Welding and Donna Korba along with Marywood Professor Judy Williams and nine Marywood University students recently participated in a service-learning trip to Guatemala. The women experienced culture, collaboration and community while sharing the IHM mission in San Lucas, Toliman and Chichicastenango, Quiche'. The trip offered students the opportunity to learn and assist others with building a stove, painting a basketball court, and sewing.



SILVER CIRCLE 2017-18

Yearly Membership Program Benefitting Retired Sisters

Funds Help to Cover the Expense of...

- Wellness
- Healthcare
- Safety
- Transportation
- Personal Independence
- Personal Care/Hygiene

...for our Retired Sisters

Drawings are held on the third Wednesday of each month from October to June.

To become a seller, please contact Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM at 570-346-5431 or bubsera@sistersofihm.org.

*Winners and photos are published online the day of each drawing.
Please visit www.sistersofihm.org/silvercircle then click on the link that reads
“**View Recent Winners**”.*



2016-17 RECAP

Thank you to all of our 2016-17 Silver Circle sellers who brought in nearly \$176,000 resulting in over \$148,000 profit for the IHM Retirement Fund! We were blessed with 192 sellers who represent many geographic areas and circles of friends.

How you can help:

FREE!

- Become a Lay Seller
- Become a Sister Seller

Each Membership is Only \$25!

- Renew your Membership

(fill out the form and send it in with your check or connect with your seller today!)

- Become a Silver Circle Member

(fill out the form and send it in with your check – you will be paired with a seller who will connect with you about your support!)

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Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Seller _____

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END OF YEAR GIVING

Gifts made on or before December 31, 2017 may be tax-deductible for this tax year. Gifts of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) are desirable gifts whether they have appreciated or depreciated in value. A charitable contribution may be just the right decision to enable you to itemize your taxes and potentially lower your tax bill.

For more information, contact Sister Ann Monica at 570-346-5431 or bubsera@sistersofihm.org, or visit www.sistersofihm.org. On the left, under “what you can do”, click on “Donate”. Then, scroll down and click on “Year End Giving”.

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FAMILY & FRIENDS CELEBRATE IHM SISTERS



Sister St. Kenneth Polley, IHM, described Our Lady of Peace residence as her home. "This is a home, not just a place to live. I can never say thank you enough. I'm so blessed to be here."

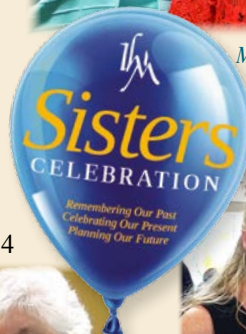
"We appreciate the generosity of our benefactors," said Sister Mary Newett, IHM. "Each one of you, each day, is in my prayers."

For those who missed this opportunity to support our retired sisters, you can still give a gift online at www.sistersofihm.org/donate or mail it to:

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Mary Ellen Coleman, Sister Mary Persico, IHM, and Renee Zehel



Jamie Mc Nerney, Sister Kathryn Clauss, IHM, and Marion Clauss



IHM Sisters Amy Zychal and Janet Jeffers



Regina Aposhian and Timothy O'Toole

IHM Sisters Jean Coughlin and Jane Snyder



Sean O'Toole, Kathy O'Toole, Maureen McLaughlin, Jeff McLaughlin and Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM



IHM Sisters Geraldine Dranginis and Thomas Mary Dougherty



So that all whose lives have been touched by the Sisters of IHM are never forgotten, the development office will be offering special liturgies for communities where we have ministered but are no longer present. The first mass will be offered at 8 a.m. on November 7, 2017 at the IHM Center Chapel. The following parishes and schools of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY, will be included:

*Our Lady of Good Counsel, Inwood
St. Brigid, Westbury
Maria Regina High School, Uniondale
Sts. Philip and James, St. James
St. Joseph, Babylon
Cure of Ars, Merrick*

*St. Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington
Good Shepard, Holbrook
Holy Trinity High School, Hicksville
St. Anne, Brentwood
St. Francis de Sales, Patchogue
Blessed Sacrament, Valley Stream*

We invite you to share any special intentions you may have for this mass with Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, at bubsera@sistersofihm.org or 570 346-5431.

The IHM Sisters discovered years ago that English language instruction for non-native speakers was a growing but unmet need in Scranton. At St. John Neumann Parish in Scranton, the sisters found a large community eager to learn English.

Sister Roberta Peters, IHM, who is entering her third year as coordinator of the ESL program, expressed a need for more volunteer teachers and for minor renovations to the two large classrooms where the students meet. The classrooms, which previously housed a pre-school and a kindergarten, have seen a lot of activity over the past twenty-five years. "The rooms are in need of new paint and the carpeting is worn in many places," said Sister Roberta. "A fresh coat of paint would really brighten up the rooms."

You can make a difference! Please consider making a donation or volunteering to teach for the ESL program. Count on the Lord to honor and multiply your best efforts, even though they may seem small to you.

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