



# CONNECTION

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## ENDURING FRIENDSHIPS

It was a bright and sunny day just before Easter when Susan Biskup and her daughter Hannah delivered flowers and chocolate crosses to about a dozen IHM sisters at the *Pascucci Family Our Lady of Peace Residence* in Scranton. Susan came to express her gratitude to the sisters who provided her with a generous scholarship and the opportunity to further her education while continuing to make family her first priority.



*L to R: Hannah Biskup, IHM Sister St. Anthony Radzikowski, Susan Biskup, IHM Sister Electa Schmidt.*

Susan earned a BS degree from Penn State University and then worked as a social worker for Catholic Charities and a home health care agency. After becoming a wife and mother, Susan left the workforce to devote her time and talents to her family, church, and community.

As Hannah, the youngest of her three children, entered school, Susan decided to update her skills by obtaining certification in gerontology at Marywood University. She had no intention of pursuing another degree, but

with the encouragement of Dr. Alice McDonnell, she decided to look into it. Always one to put her family first, Susan was hesitant to use the funds she and her husband had worked so hard to save to help pay for their children's college educations.

When Susan learned about the availability of scholarships, including one sponsored by the IHM Sisters, she decided to apply. She feels blessed to have been provided with the financial support and flexibility in scheduling she needed to return to school. Today, Susan continues her vocation as a counselor in health and wellness at Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

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## IHM SISTERS CELEBRATE ST. RAYMOND MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

On Friday, April 28, 2017, IHM sisters along with parishioners, friends, and school community members came together to commemorate Saint Raymond School's 90th anniversary. Saint Raymond School boasts over 5,000 alumni since opening its doors in 1927. The school is in the Diocese of Rockville Centre in New York. The Sisters of IHM and Saint Raymond Parish community are recognized for their commitment to Catholic education. There is great hope in this community that this close-knit, multigenerational school will continue to impact the lives of many students for years to come.

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# IHM Associate Snapshot



**NAME:** Patricia Sheehan

**HOMETOWN:** Dunmore, PA

**IHM CONNECTION:** Pat's aunt, Sister Margaret Frances Gallagher, IHM, who is recently deceased. Pat was educated by IHMs at St. Mary of Mount Carmel School in Dunmore, PA.

**CIRCLE OF GRACE ESTABLISHED:** September 2013

**CIRCLE OF GRACE LEADERS:** IHM Sisters Mariam Pfeifer and Gail Cabral

**COMMISSIONING LOCATION AND DATE:** *Pascucci Family* Our Lady of Peace Residence on May 31, 2015

**ON BECOMING AN IHM ASSOCIATE:** Pat says that being an IHM Associate has given her the opportunity to deepen her relationship with our Lord and his Blessed Mother. She has always had devotion to Mary. Her love for Mary has been enhanced by her experience as an associate.

**OUTSTANDING ASSOCIATE MOMENT:** Pat speaks about having the honor of bringing the Eucharist to the sisters who reside at OLP Residence. She said the sisters who cannot come to the chapel wait with reverence to receive the Body of Christ. Pat feels a bond with these sisters because she has had the privilege of not only bringing them Eucharist, but also participating in their funeral liturgies when their earthly journey is complete. Pat believes that she has entered into a very holy place with the sisters.

**ON IHM SISTERS:** Pat has been a part of the IHMs since she was five years old when her aunt, Margaret Frances Gallagher, entered the congregation. Pat was educated by the IHMs through 8th grade. While attending Dunmore High School, she was a member of the vocation club facilitated by Sister Kathleen Newett, IHM. Over the years Pat visited her aunt in various missions and met many IHM sisters with whom she is still friends with today.



From left: Ann Marie Sutkowsky, Pat Sheehan, and Gale Jaeger, Circle of Grace associates who are involved in ministry at OLP.

To connect with us through the IHM associate relationship, contact Jane O'Neill, director of IHM associate relationships at 570-963-2480 or [oneillj@sistersofihm.org](mailto:oneillj@sistersofihm.org)

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"I am forever grateful to the Sisters of IHM for providing me with the opportunity to pursue and realize my dream of earning a master's degree in mental health counseling," Susan told the sisters. "My scholarship is an example of your kindness, generosity, and dedication to helping others."

You can visit us, too! To arrange a visit or connect with a sister, please contact Sister Ann Monica Bubser at 570-346-5431 or [bubsera@sistersofihm.org](mailto:bubsera@sistersofihm.org).

## DOUBLE YOUR DONATION TO THE SISTERS OF IHM!

The IHM Sisters appreciate the generosity that so many of you have shown over the years. A gift made to us is used to educate our younger members, support our work among disadvantaged persons, support our foreign ministries, and ensure that our sisters are cared for during their retirement years.



Did you know that approximately 2/3 of companies with matching gift programs match employee donations to nearly any 501(c)(3) organization? By using your company's matching gifts program, you may be able to double your support to the IHM sisters.



*Nancy Barnes Quinn*

Nancy Barnes Quinn has worked throughout the U.S. as an elementary school teacher and reading and language arts consultant. She is currently employed as an account executive for Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) School Publishers. "My deep love and admiration for the IHM Sisters is reflected in my participation in HMH's matching gift program called HMH Cares," said Nancy. "This is a way for HMH to demonstrate support for the causes and organizations its employees are passionate about." Each time an employee makes a contribution to an eligible charitable organization, HMH doubles it. There is a limit to the match, but the contribution is generous.

**Just look at how much it can make a difference!**

- A matched **\$25** monthly gift (**\$300** annually) becomes a **\$50** monthly gift (**\$600** annually)
- A matched **\$50** monthly gift (**\$600** annually) becomes a **\$100** monthly gift (**\$1,200** annually)
- A matched **\$100** monthly gift (**\$1,200** annually) becomes a **\$200** monthly gift (**\$2,400** annually)

## Tune In

IHM-TV broadcasts live and recorded programs on our U Stream station at: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/ihm-tv>  
Join us!



## IHM Jubilarians 2017

### Thank You and God Bless

Congratulations 2017 IHM Jubilarians!

Join with us in prayers of thanksgiving for all our IHM Jubilarians. We would like to send out a special thank you to all our friends, benefactors, and donors for your support of the sisters.

To give a gift to the IHM Congregation in honor of a Jubilarian, please print the sister's name on your check memo line and send your gift to:

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## Seventy Five Years

Sister Marionette Coll

Sister M. Lisbeth Hartnett

Sister M. Daniela McCarthy

## Seventy Years

Sister Eleanor Desaulniers

Sister M. Bernardus Dwyer

Sister M. Alexius Fitzgerald

Sister M. Fidelis Flannery

Sister M. Celesta Sinisi

## Sixty Years

Sister Christina Aldarelli

Sister Lois Buckley

Sister Maureen Dailey

Sister Vincentia Dorsey

Sister Lillian Marie Farrell

Sister Catherine Ann Gilvary

Sister Michael Marie Hartman

Sister Ann Newell

Sister Mariam Pfeifer

Sister Ann Marie Pierce

Sister Mary Schoberg

Sister Marie Lourdes Vanston

Sister Louis Marie Verchick

Sister Regina Marie Wilson

## Fifty Years

Sister Ellen Carney

Sister Mary Ann Cody

Sister Paula Gallagher

Sister M. Johnice Grand

Sister Ruthanne Gypalo

Sister Roberta Harding

Sister Kathleen M. Kelly

Sister Franziska Laudascher

Sister Jean Leonard

Sister Eleanor Mary Marconi

Sister Jeanne Marie McAuliffe

Sister Sandra McMahon

Sister Christine Mihelich

Sister Mary William Philbin

Sister Jane Snyder

Sister Carol Sukitz

## ST. RAYMOND

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Cathy Turner, one of nine members of the O'Reilly-Turner Family who graduated from St. Raymond School between 1976 and 2017, recently acknowledged her deep appreciation to the IHM sisters for being such a large part of her family. Cathy, the founder of Blankets Warming Hearts (BWH), sent handmade lap blankets to the sisters at *Pascucci Family OLP Residence*. BWH, whose mission is to bring warmth, cheer, and a sense of community to residents and patients at hospitals, nursing homes, and rehabilitation centers, accepts donations of store bought and handmade blankets. All donations are then personalized with donors' names and well wishes before re-packaging and distribution.



*Pictured enjoying the celebration of dinner, dancing, and storytelling are: Front row from left: Sisters Mary Jane Maloney and Francis Rose Lapitino. Standing L to R: Sisters Marilyn Grosselfinger, Lorraine Studley, Therese O'Rourke, Ann Berendes, and Ruthanne Gypalo, School Principal.*



*IHM Sisters Theresa Bonanza, formerly Sister Vincent de Paul and Lillian Marie Farrell, previously of St. Raymond School and OLP residents who were presented with BWH blankets.*



*IHM Sisters Barbara Nogiewich, formerly Sister St. Barbara and Jean Conaty, formerly Sister Mary John, OLP residents and previously of St. Raymond School who were presented with BWH blankets.*

## - Legacy of Friendship -

*Reflection by Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM*

When I first became director of development for the IHM Sisters, I remember receiving a regular donation from a perpetual trust. I did not know the donor, but was thrilled that the distribution from the trust was sizeable and arrived regularly. As I learned more about a charitable trust and the lasting impact this planned giving instrument can have on a charity,

***"A Charitable Lead Trust is most appropriate when donors have little need for the additional income that an asset produces."***

I began to look into this donor's generous gift a little more. I discovered that the donor established the perpetual trust for charitable purposes and included the IHM Congregation in her will, which was written in May 1925! We have been receiving gifts from this donor since July 1925 when she passed away, and since 2000, we have received over \$30,000!

This generous decision by our friend has extended her relationship into a Legacy of Friendship for over 90 years and is still going strong. This thoughtful donor is in the hearts and prayers of our sisters for her lasting impact on our Congregation and ministries.

*Please consider a planned gift in your estate planning to help support the IHM Sisters and our mission. For more information, visit our website [www.sistersofihm.org](http://www.sistersofihm.org) or contact Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, at [bubsera@sistersofihm.org](mailto:bubsera@sistersofihm.org) or (570) 346-5431.*

# You're Invited! 2017 IHM SISTERS' CELEBRATION

Join IHM Sisters, Family, and Friends for a Special Event on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 6 p.m.

*Hosted by the Sisters of IHM Foundation*

## THE SISTERS OF IHM SPIRIT AWARD RECIPIENT:

**Pia Ferrario**, Retired CEO, Victoria's Secret Direct, a subsidiary of Limited Brands, Inc.

## Celebrate with Us!

Your \$100 reservation for the 2017 IHM Sisters' Celebration benefits the IHM Retirement Fund and includes cocktail hour, seated dinner, and memories to last a lifetime!

Call the IHM Development Office at 570-346-5431 to make your reservations or for any questions.



## YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE FUN!

In August 2016, the IHM Sisters' Celebration brought together over 360 IHM sisters, clergy, civic leaders, former students, colleagues, neighbors, vendors, and supporters in celebration of the gift that the IHM Sisters have been and continue to be to others. Join us this year for more fun and good times, or consider participating in other ways as a donor or sponsor.

### BECOME AN EVENT SPONSOR

To review sponsorship levels in support of the event, contact Sister Ann Monica Bubser IHM, at 570-346-5431 or [bubsera@sistersofihm.org](mailto:bubsera@sistersofihm.org).

### HONOR A SISTER WITH YOUR RESERVATION OR DONATION

When reserving your tickets for the event or when sending in your gift to the IHM Sisters, simply include the name of the sister or sisters whom you wish to honor. The sister(s) will receive a letter in the mail informing her/them of your thoughtful support.



*Sister Cor Immaculatum Heffernan, IHM, Foundation Board Member, enjoys a laugh at last year's event.*

## 2017 SISTERS OF IHM SPIRIT AWARD RECIPIENT - PIA FERRARIO

Pia Ferrario is the recipient of the 2017 Sisters of IHM Spirit Award. Throughout her life, Pia has exemplified her Catholic faith through service to her community and others; a value she first learned from her parents and was reinforced by the IHM sisters.

Pia, the daughter of the late Angela and Pio Ferrario, attended St. Mary's grade school and graduated from Marywood Seminary. In 2012, she retired as CEO of Victoria's Secret Direct, a subsidiary of Limited Brands, Inc.

Pia is a true model of the IHM spirit. She continues her dedication and commitment to her family, faith, and community. Embracing strong, lifelong Catholic values, her philanthropic and charitable affiliations include: Catholic Relief Services; Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York; Food Bank for NYC; UNICEF. She serves on the finance council and several other committees at her parish in New York City.

## IHMS RECEIVE CHS GRANT FOR NEW KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

The Sisters of IHM express sincere gratitude to the Catholic Human Services (CHS) Foundation for their grant award in support of a new alto-shaam oven purchase. This kitchen equipment is used daily to cook and keep food warm for the nearly 100 retired sisters who reside at the *Pascucci Family Our Lady of Peace Residence (OLP)*.



*Mike McCauley, who works in OLP's kitchen, is quite pleased with the new equipment at OLP.*



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