



# CONNECTION

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## RETIRED SISTERS BENEFIT FROM ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION

On Saturday, August 3, 2019, at Nazareth Hall on the campus of Marywood University, the Sisters of IHM Foundation hosted a special event to benefit the IHM Sisters Retirement Fund. More than 200 IHM sisters and supporters attended the event which raised over \$65,000 in support of the retirement needs of the sisters.

Sister Eleanor Marie Malanaphy was moved by the entire evening. “I was awed by the love, care, and financial support provided by the Foundation members and amazed by the affirmation of so many who credit their strong faith to the influence of the sisters,” said Sister Eleanor.

Paul and Anne Falzett were honored with the 2019 Spirit of IHM Award in recognition of the time and financial support they have provided to many Scranton community nonprofit organizations and Catholic schools. Both attribute their strong Catholic faith to their parents and the steadfast presence of the IHM sisters in their lives.



*Enjoying the chance to mingle with old friends and meet new ones L-R: IHM Sisters Eleanor Marie Malanaphy, Cor Immaculatum Heffernan, Angela Mary Parker, and Miriam Joseph Reinhardt.*



*Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, presents the Spirit of IHM Award to Anne and Paul Falzett.*



*Back row L-R: IHM Foundation board members Sr. Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, executive director; Tim McMullen, president; Robert Brown, member; and John Murray, member and former president. Front row, L-R: Mrs. Nada Gilmartin, member; Anne and Paul Falzett, honorees; and Sr. Ellen Maroney, IHM, member and congregation president.*

*Remembering  
Our Past*

*Celebrating  
Our Present*

*Planning  
Our Future*

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# PEOPLE & PLACES



## IHM IS PANELIST AT NATIONAL CONVOCATION

Sister Ruth Harkins, IHM, was invited to speak at the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.'s (CLINIC) 21st Annual Convening held at the Westin Convention Center in Pittsburgh. Sister Ruth was a panelist at a workshop entitled "Practical Consequences of the Humanitarian Crisis at the Border." The workshop was attended by over 75 legal service providers and immigration advocates.

## IHM SISTER CONTINUES MINISTRY AS CHAPLAIN



Sister Maria Peter Kratz, IHM, has accepted a new ministry as a staff chaplain at Geisinger Community Medical Center in Scranton, PA. A certified chaplain for almost 20 years, Sister's ministry involves counseling patients undergoing surgical procedures, facing end of life issues, or suffering effects from trauma or accidents. In addition, she provides spiritual support and comfort to patients and their families.

## SISTER LEADS MARYWOOD SERVICE TRIP TO GUATAMALA

Sister Donna Korba, IHM, IHM Associate Alejandra Marroquin, and Marywood University counselor, Larissa Schwass, traveled to Guatemala with nine Marywood University students on the annual Guatemala Alternative Break Service Trip. The group spent the last seven months in preparation for the experience.



The preparation included educational, spiritual, and cultural aspects, as well as fundraising efforts. Pictured are the team advisors with the group in front of a mural which they created. Many thanks to everyone who subsidized the group through support at the flea market, craft fair, donut sale, snowball roll, and other efforts throughout the year.

## IHM SISTER SERVES ON NATIONAL BOARD OF NRVC

Sister Mindy Welding, IHM, vocation director for the IHM sisters, serves on the national board of the National Religious Vocation Conference - NRVC (2018 – 2021). NRVC is a professional organization of vocation ministers that promotes vocation awareness, invitation, and discernment of a religious lifestyle as a religious sister, brother, or priest. NRVC board members hosted the CARA focus studies which had collected data from newer members of religious congregations who had completed a survey about the findings of a study of vocations to religious life today. The results of the study will be published in 2020. Pictured L-R: Sister Thu Do, CARA researcher; Sister Mindy, and Sister Anita Quigley, SHCJ, NRVC board member







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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends,

Autumn is a great time to focus on God's wonderful blessings—family, friends, health, home, opportunities to serve, more time to pray, and eternal life still to come. During autumn, I experience such richness and gratitude as I harvest more blessings than ever. The Sisters of IHM are truly grateful to count you among our blessings.

As you read this latest issue of Connection, my hope is that you too will be inspired by all of the blessings that come to the IHM sisters through the generosity of people like you. This issue includes details and photos of yet another successful Sisters Celebration, the thoughtfulness of Marian Conroy who included the IHMs as a beneficiary in her will, and the dedication of Sister Maria Peter Kratz, IHM, who continues to carry out our mission through hospital ministry as a chaplain.

It's once again time to begin another Silver Circle membership year. I kindly ask that you consider buying a Silver Circle membership or becoming a seller in support of our dear retired sisters.

In whatever way you chose to support the sisters, thank you. You are a blessing to the IHM Congregation and you are always in our prayers.

May God bless you,

Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM  
Director of Development

## SOAR! PRESIDENT DELIVERS GRANT AWARD

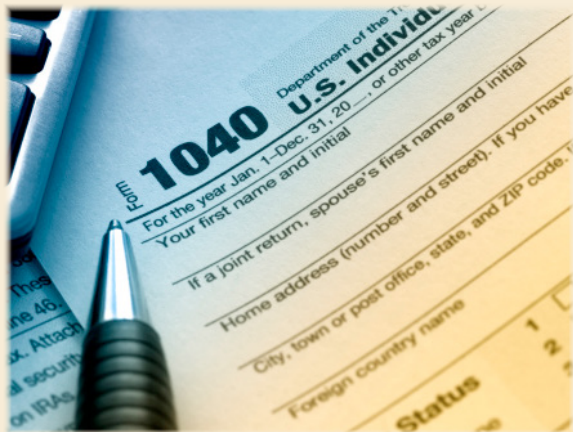


SOAR! president, Sister Kathleen Lunsmann, IHM, presented a \$25,000 grant award to IHM Congregation president, Sister Ellen Maroney. The grant is allocated to replace flooring at the *Pascucci Family OLP Residence*. SOAR! has been supporting IHM projects since 1992.

*Standing L-R: Elizabeth Góral-Makowski, SOAR! director of development; Sister Joan Rychalsky, IHM, SOAR! development associate; Sister Ellen Maroney, Sister Nancy DeCesare, IHM, councilor; Sister Terri Jordan, IHM, councilor. Seated L-R: Sister Mary Ellen Higgins, IHM, councilor, Sister Peggy Scorano, OP, SOAR! regional representative; Sister Carol Loughney, IHM, SOAR! donor relations assistant; and Sister Kathleen Lunsmann.*

# END OF YEAR GIVING OFFERS THE POTENTIAL TO LOWER TAXES

Now is an ideal time to consider making a charitable contribution. It has the potential to help others and at the same time lower your 2019 tax bill. It may be just the right decision to enable you to itemize your taxes! All gifts made on or before December 31, 2019, 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.



***Make your year-end gift  
by December 31!***

One popular method is the IRA charitable rollover. Donors age 70½ 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/publications/p590b/index.html](http://www.irs.gov/publications/p590b/index.html) or consult with a tax or financial advisor.

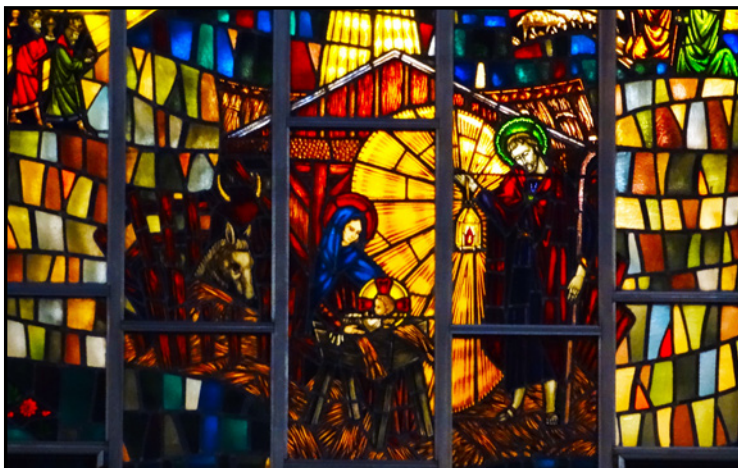
*For more information, visit [www.sistersofihm.org](http://www.sistersofihm.org). On the left, under "what you can do," click on Donate, then, scroll down and click on Year End Giving. Any questions, contact Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, at 570 346-5431 or [bubsera@sistersofihm.org](mailto:bubsera@sistersofihm.org).*

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## NEW! IHM REMEMBRANCE CARD FOR CHRISTMAS

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# WELCOME, ELIZABETH, TO THE IHM NOVITIATE!

In the presence of IHM sisters and associates at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel at the IHM Center and also connected via u-stream, Sister Ellen Maroney welcomed Elizabeth Ann “Liz” McGill into the novitiate of the IHM Congregation.

During the simple ceremony, Elizabeth expressed a desire to deepen her relationship with God and to integrate spirituality into all aspects of her life and be its sustaining force. Sister Mary Elaine Anderson, director of candidates and novices, attested to Elizabeth’s dedication to the mission and core values of the IHM Congregation, her desire to embody God’s unconditional love for all, and her readiness to enter the novitiate.

Elizabeth asked the sisters to support her as she continues to discern her call to religious life by being a visible sign of the IHM spirit and charism, modeling the core values of rootedness in God, radical interdependence, justice, respect for diversity and wholeness. The sisters responded in resounding unison: “Elizabeth, we stand with you, we pray for you, and we welcome you as our sister.”



*L-R: IHM Sisters Mary Elaine Anderson, Elizabeth McGill, and Ellen Maroney*

## Legacy of Friendship

Marian Tully Conroy who shared a special friendship with the late Sister Gerard Manning, IHM, recently passed away. Marian honored the IHM sisters by including the Congregation in her estate planning with a charitable remainder trust. She and her late husband, Richard (Dick) Tully, met Sister Gerard when they were 8th grade students at Saint Mary’s Elementary School in Manhasset, NY. It was a friendship that continued for the remainder of their lives through phone calls, letters, and occasional visits.

Marian and Dick were inspired by Sister Gerard to educate their eight children, with love and perseverance, to live the Catholic faith. As a special honor to Sister Gerard, the Tully’s sixth child Kevin was given the middle name Gerard.

Mimi Tate, the couple’s daughter said, “We know this

bond and friendship continues and is living on into their eternal lives!”



What is a Charitable Remainder Trust?

A Charitable Remainder Trust irrevocably transfers assets to a trust that pays a donor, and perhaps another beneficiary, annual distributions for life. It may result in favorable capital gains tax treatment. When the trust ends, a trustee distributes trust assets to one or more charitable organizations. Your financial institution will serve as trustee for charitable remainder trusts, and in most cases, there is no requirement that your financial institution receives remainder interest.

To discuss a Charitable Remainder Trust to benefit the IHM sisters, contact Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, at [bubsera@sisters.org](mailto:bubsera@sisters.org) IHM, or 570 346-5431. Our Congregation will help you to achieve your planned giving goals.



# NEW STATUE BLESSING

Kenny Noll, a former student and longtime supporter of the IHM sisters, raised \$10,000 to replace the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary near the graves of the IHM sisters at Saint Catherine Cemetery in Moscow, PA. Mr. Noll has devoted many years to the upkeep and maintenance of this area in the cemetery. Mrs. Betty Floro, a major donor to the project, is a sister to the late Monsignor F. Allan Conlan, former pastor of nearby St. Eulalia Parish and chaplain to the sisters at the IHM Center in his retirement.



*Standing L-R at the blessing of the statue are: Kenny Noll, Ann Gazoo, Sr. Kathryn Kurdziel, IHM, Sr. Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, Joseph and Mary Descipio, Sr. Ellen Maroney, IHM, Sr. Nancy DeCesare, IHM, Sr. Daniel Mary Heisey, IHM, Sr. Mary Denise Thomas, IHM. Seated L-R: Sr. Patt Walsh, IHM, Lisa Cummings, Sr. Mary Reap, IHM, Sr. Madeline Swaboski, IHM, Sr. M. Annellen Kelly, IHM.*

*Thank you*  
to all of the generous supporters of  
the 2019 Sisters of IHM Celebration!

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#GIVINGTUESDAY



DECEMBER 3, 2019

This year, #GIVING TUESDAY, the global day of giving back is on December 3. On this day, you have the chance to become a part of this movement by supporting the active ministries and retirement needs of the IHM sisters. Celebrate the spirit of the season by making a donation so we can accomplish great things together in God's name.

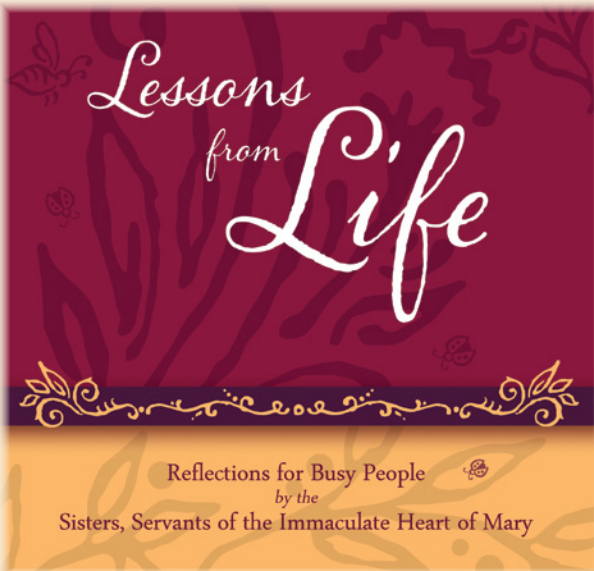


Special liturgies for ministry locations where IHM sisters have served but are no longer present will be offered at the IHM Center Chapel on the dates below at 8 a.m. All are welcome to attend or tune in via Ustream at: [www.ustream.tv/channel/ihm-tv](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/ihm-tv).

We recently received a letter from the principal at St. Martin de Porres School in Philadelphia with a special intention for the students and families of their school. We invite you to share any special intentions you may have for these masses with Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, at [bubsera@sistersofihm.org](mailto:bubsera@sistersofihm.org) or 570 346-5431.

Visit our website at [www.sistersofihm.org](http://www.sistersofihm.org) and search "IHM Remain in our Love" for a detailed list of ministry locations for which we will pray.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Ministry Locations in the following Dioceses</b>
October 23	FL, MS, GA, South America, and Guatemala
November 27	Rockville Centre, NY
December 17	Western US, Canada, CA, NM
January 22	Brooklyn and NYC
February 26	Albany & Syracuse, NY



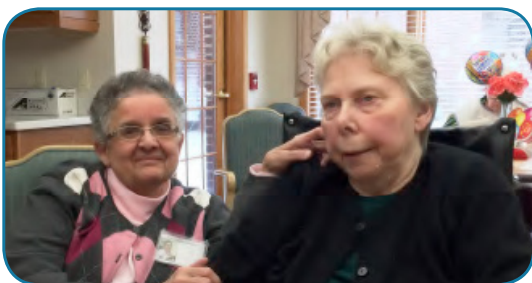
## LESSONS FROM LIFE: REFLECTIONS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

AUDIOBOOK, PRINT, AND E-BOOK

The Sisters of IHM Lessons from Life audiobook includes 206 short stories by IHM sisters, associates, and friends and is narrated by Tiffany Williams. It will provide you with hours of listening pleasure and is sure to touch the hearts and inspire the imaginations of listeners. Purchases of the Kindle, paperback, and audiobook support the IHM retired sisters. To make a purchase and listen to sample stories by Sisters Annmarie Sanders and Kathy Kurdziel, visit <http://tinyurl.com/p4p6ujt>.

## Looking for a fun & engaging way to win cash prizes while raising much needed funds for the Sisters of IHM?

**Silver Circle** is an *annual* program with monthly drawings from October to June. For only **\$25**, you can purchase a Silver Circle membership and be entered to win **\$50 - \$1,000** not just once but **324 times!**



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TO WIN  
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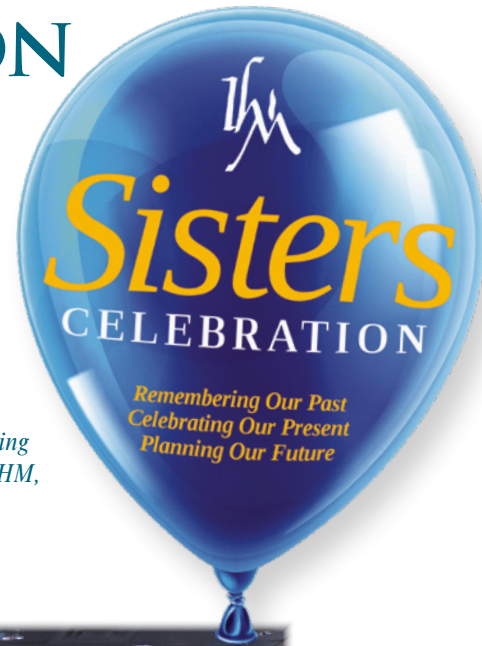


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# IHM SISTERS CELEBRATION



*Mr. Timothy McMullen, who has been appointed as the new Foundation board president presents Mr. John Murray with a plaque in appreciation of his many years of service as Foundation board president. Looking on is Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, Foundation executive director.*



*IHM Sisters Mary Jo Gallagher and Terry O'Rourke*



*L-R: Mr. Joseph Banick, Sister Dolores Banik, IHM, and Msgr. Thomas Banick*



*Mr. Rusty Baker, Sister M. Gracette Baker, and Lori Baker*



*Sister Mariam Pfeifer, IHM, and Mr. Tom Fallon*



*Pat and Larry Rosetti*



*L-R IHM Sisters Anne Mary Boslett, Joanne Madden, Thomas Mary Dougherty, Daniel Mary Heisey*



*IHM Sisters Nancy DeCesare and Mary Rassley*