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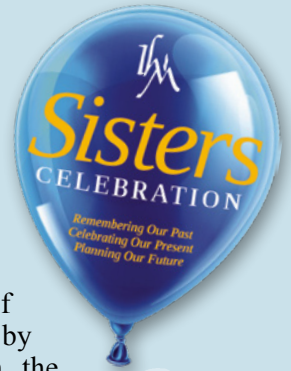
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You're Invited!

2019 IHM Sisters Celebration

Join IHM sisters, family, and friends for a special evening on Saturday, August 3, 2019, at Nazareth Hall on the campus of Marywood University. Hosted by the Sisters of IHM Foundation, the celebration begins at 6:00 p.m. The Foundation hosts special events to raise awareness and generate financial support for the elderly IHM sisters who have given their lives in service to others. Your \$100 reservation benefits the IHM Sisters Retirement Fund and includes a cocktail hour, seated dinner, and the opportunity to renew friendships. Reserve your seat today!



Paul and Anne Falzett

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What's Your Connection?

- Prayer
- Education
- Support
- Family & Friends
- Service to Others
- Volunteer

Read how others connect with the IHMs and how you can, too!

JOIN US IN PROVIDING HOPE AND CARE TO THOSE IN NEED

Education is just one of the many ways that the Sisters of IHM are answering God's call. Sister Rose Marie Mozzachio, IHM, serves as director of the Educational Enrichment Institute in Scranton, PA, where 18 IHM sister volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to students of all ages and abilities. "The result of this ministry for the thousands of students we have helped achieve academic success over the last thirty years is significant," said Sister Rose Marie pictured below with an EEI student.



As a congregation, we are committed to being genuine disciples of Christ who actively engage our world where our education and skills meet its deepest needs. Your gift to the IHM sisters makes a difference in the lives of so many because, as you know, education is not our only ministry. We are also using our gifts to help homeless families find safe, affordable shelter; to manage pantries that offer food and clothing to those in need; and to counsel and spiritually support terminally ill patients.

Sister Joanne Madden, IHM, is a hospice pastoral care volunteer and spiritual care coordinator. Sister Joanne considers it a privilege to provide counseling and spiritual support to terminally ill patients and their families. "It is truly a privilege to accompany the terminally ill on their spiritual journey as they approach the Lord at the end of their lives," said Sister Joanne.

Please consider a gift to help support the IHM sisters so we can continue to accomplish positive change in the world and transform the lives of others through our ministries.

IHM ASSOCIATE

SNAPSHOT



NAME: Cheryl Kosydar
HOMETOWN: Scranton, PA
IHM CONNECTION: I met the IHM sisters when I became employed as a housekeeper at Marywood

University. The welcoming spirit of the IHM sisters drew me in from the start. A few years ago, I learned about the IHM associate relationship and was more deeply drawn to them. I inquired about becoming an associate after Evening Prayer at the IHM Center Chapel and soon joined our Circle of Grace.

ACCEPTED INTO A CIRCLE OF GRACE:

March 2015

CIRCLE OF GRACE LEADERS: Sister Mary Denise Thomas, IHM, and Sister St. Kenneth Polley, IHM

COMMISSIONING DATE AND LOCATION: July 17, 2016, at Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton

ON BECOMING AN IHM ASSOCIATE: I believe in the IHM charism, core values, and mission; I want to be formally associated with the sisters. I am committed to walking with the IHMs and living their charism everywhere. When I am not at work on Marywood's campus, I am especially mindful of their charism when I am fulfilling my role as a lector and Eucharistic minister in my parish.

OUTSTANDING ASSOCIATE MOMENT: I cannot limit my wonderful encounters with our IHM sisters to a "moment." Whenever I am with the sisters, I feel part of them, whether it be a retreat, working together to help the less fortunate, prayer, or unexpectedly encountering them during the course of my work day. It is as though the sisters greet me with "Namaste, the Jesus in you sees the Jesus in me."

ON IHM SISTERS: I have worked on the campus of Marywood University in housekeeping for over twenty years. I am blessed to see the sisters every day and feel their love and compassion for all. I am inspired by their gentle presence.

Would you like to be a part of a warm and welcoming community, experience a deeper spiritual connection with others who share your faith, engage with the IHM sisters and extend the IHM charism? *Contact Jane O'Neill, director of IHM associate program at 570 963-2480 or oneillj@sistersofihm.org.*

WHY I GIVE TO THE IHMs - A DONOR'S STORY

The IHM sisters are enormously grateful for all your love, prayers, and financial support. You make it possible for us to provide quality care for the growing number of aging sisters while, at the same time, you support our sisters who continue to minister to the poor and vulnerable. One of our benefactors, Mrs. Ellen Casey, a former first lady of Pennsylvania and the 2015 Spirit of IHM Award recipient, describes her life-long relationship with the sisters.



Mrs. Ellen Casey

"The IHM sisters have been a part of my life from my earliest days as a kindergarten student. I attended St. Mary of Mt. Carmel grade school in Dunmore, under the care of the IHM sisters. From there I returned to Marywood and received an excellent high school and college education.

The sisters dedicated their lives to ensuring that we had an unshakable foundation in the Catholic faith. They taught us well in every subject, including the classics, music, and my favorite subject, art.

The IHM sisters were mentors and leaders throughout my life and had a strong influence on the person I became. For their lifetimes of service and sacrifice and on behalf of the young people in their care, they deserve our unending thanks and support."

To read more stories from our donors, visit www.sistersofihm.org/donate

SR. ANGELA MARY HONORED AT COURTYARD GARDEN DEDICATION

Thirteen members of the Little Flower School Class of 1962 honored their beloved third grade teacher, Sr. Angela Mary Parker, IHM, by dedicating a courtyard garden in her honor at the *Pascucci Family* Our Lady of Peace Residence. Students, family, and friends attended a beautiful dedication of the garden and enjoyed a delicious meal together.

Paul Haaga, a proud graduate of Little Flower School class of 1962, is pictured with his wife Heather, at the dedication.



Sister Angela Mary Parker, IHM, in front, with former students who attended the dedication. L-R Bucky Murphy, Katie White, John McManus, Paul Haaga, Penny Kearney, Mary Margaret Hamill, and Judy Ferguson.



CONGRATULATIONS 2019 JUBILARIANS

God Bless and Thank You

Join with us in prayers of thanksgiving for all of the IHM sisters for whom 2019 is a special year of Jubilee. We would like to send a special thank you to all of our friends, benefactors, and donors for your support of these sisters.

Send Jubilee mail to: [Jubilarian Name], IHM Jubilarians, IHM Center, 2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509-1514 or email: communications@sistersofihm.org.

To give a gift to the IHM Congregation in honor of a Jubilarian, visit www.sistersofihm.org/donate or print the sister's name on your check memo line and mail it to the IHM Development Office at the above address.

Celebrating 75 years of religious life

Sister M. Melissa Hester, IHM

Celebrating 70 years of religious life

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Sister Mary Newett, IHM

Sister Ann Marie O'Brien, IHM

Sister M. Electa Schmidt, IHM

Sister M. Isabel Schratwieser, IHM

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Sister Bernadette Thomas, IHM

Sister Doreen Willis, IHM

Sister Maureen Willis, IHM

Celebrating 25 years of religious life

Sister M. Francine Faslka, IHM

Sister Patricia Fedele, IHM

IHM SISTERS ATTEND WORLD YOUTH DAY IN THE CAPITAL

IHM Sisters Mindy Welding and Ruth Harkins attended World Youth Day 2019 at The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, and participated in simultaneous activities with those attending World Youth Day 2019 in Panama City. About 1,400 young adults representing about 30 dioceses throughout the United States gathered to join in the joy, prayer, and fellowship of the global event.



The Catholic festival known as *Panama in the Capital* was one of numerous stateside events around the country that aimed to capture the joy and celebrations of World Youth Day, and to provide local pilgrimage opportunities for those who could not travel to the Central American country. The daylong celebration included a mix of music, panel presentations, opportunities for prayer and fellowship, and a livestream of the prayer vigil led by Pope Francis in Panama. According to organizers, the event brought together Catholics from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, North Carolina, Tennessee, and southern Virginia.

Legacy of Friendship



Mary Jane Nash

For many years, the late Mary Jane Nash was an active member and volunteer at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Vestal, NY. It was here, at weekly scripture classes, that Sister Robert Mary Murphy, IHM, met the retired school teacher. As facilitator of the classes, Sister Robert Mary appreciated the contributions Mary Jane made to the program. Both women shared a deep spirituality and love of learning, and soon a friendship was formed.

The women also shared a mutual respect and admiration for each other. "I would describe Mary Jane as humble, kind, and generous. She was focused on women – bettering their role in the church," recalled Sister Robert Mary.

The IHM sisters are eternally grateful to Mary Jane who passed away in 2017 and honored the sisters by including the congregation in her estate planning through a **Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)**. A CRT is a gift of cash or other property to an irrevocable trust. The donor (and their spouse or other heirs) receives an income stream from the trust for a term of years or for life and the named charity receives the remaining trust assets at the end of the trust term. The donor receives an immediate income tax charitable deduction when the CRT is funded based on the present value of the assets that will eventually go to the named charity.

In establishing a CRT to benefit the IHM sisters, Mary Jane provided herself and her family with an income benefit while at the same time carrying forth the congregation's mission and ministry into the future. To learn more about CRTs or other planned giving vehicles, visit www.sistersofihm.org/donate or contact your financial adviser.

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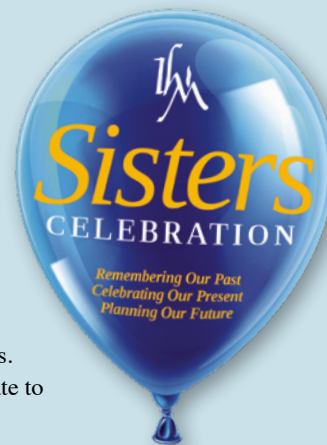
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Mistress of Ceremonies
Mrs. Nada Gilmartin

Paul and Anne Falzett will be honored with the 2019 Spirit of IHM Award in recognition of the time and support they have provided to many Scranton community nonprofits and Catholic schools. Both attribute their strong Catholic faith to their parents and the unwavering presence of the IHM sisters in their lives. Mrs. Nada Gilmartin, Sisters of IHM Foundation board member, will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Sponsorship opportunities are available; each offering the chance for you, your company, or your organization to gain recognition and visibility. If you cannot attend the event, consider making a donation in memory or honor of a special sister or sisters. Call the IHM development office at 570 346-5431 or visit www.sistersofihm.org/donate to make reservations, become a sponsor, or make a donation.



IHM SISTERS HOST VISITING CONGREGATIONS' INITIAL FORMATION MEMBERS

From September 2018 to May 2019, IHM novice Giovana Fuentes and IHM candidate Liz McGill participated in a mobile Inter-Novitiate Program. Twenty-four topics were presented in blocks of two days, and members in initial formation took to the road twelve times to attend presentations by religious from different congregations.

On April 24-25, the IHM Congregation took its turn hosting the Inter-Novitiate Program. On both days, participants gathered in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Conference Room to learn and dialogue about the vows. On the evening of April 24, the visitors engaged in some fun on the Marywood University campus at McCarty Hall, where the sisters in Annunciation Community invited them for ice cream sundaes. Our guests expressed gratitude for the warm welcome, joy and loving spirit of our sisters at both the IHM Center and McCarty Hall.



Giovana Fuentes, IHM novice and Sister Faustina Ferko, CSFN, join Sister Betty Bullen, IHM, for dessert at McCarty Hall – Annunciation Community.



Each month, the IHM development office offers special liturgies for ministry locations where IHM sisters have ministered but are no longer present. All are welcome to attend any of the 8 a.m. masses at the IHM Center chapel or tune in via Ustream at www.ustream.tv/channel/ihm-tv.

Visit www.sistersofihm.org for a detailed listing of the locations we will be praying for. Contact Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, at 570 346-5431 or bubsera@sistersofihm.org with any special intentions.

DATES

June 26

MINISTRY LOCATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING DIOCESES

Wilmington, DE; Wheeling-Charlestown, WVA; Arlington, VA; and Lexington, KY

July 24

Providence, RI; Boston, Springfield, Worcester, MA; and Bridgeport, Norwich, Hartford, CT

August 28

Philadelphia, PA; and Trenton, Newark, Metuchen, Camden, Paterson, NJ

September 25

Raleigh and Charlotte, NC



Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, visited Sacred Heart School in Mount Holly, NJ, during Catholic Schools Week. The school is one of the former IHM ministry locations for whom we will be offering a special liturgy on August 28. Pictured L-R: Rosalie Trojanowski, Sr. Ann Monica, Anna Notte, and Dolly Weeks, all former administration and staff members.



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