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New IHM Council Members Elected

Over the past year, more than 100 IHM delegates participated in multiple prayer sessions and intense times of reflection as candidates for the IHM Leadership Team 2014-2018 were identified. Voting for the leadership positions took place at the Chapter of Elections which was held at the IHM Center Chapel on April 4 and 5, 2014.

IHM sisters, family, and friends will gather at the IHM Center Chapel on June 29, 2014 for a Eucharistic Celebration and Installation of the newly elected members of the IHM council, commonly referred to as the IHM leadership team. *Learn more about elected members on page 2.*



IHM Leadership Team 2014-2018, from left: Sister Kathryn Clauss, vice president and councilor for missioning and community life; Sister Jean Louise Bachetti, councilor for spiritual development; Sister Ellen Maroney, president; Sister Ellen Carney, councilor for temporal resources; and Sister Rosemary Goulet, councilor for missioning and community life.

Excitement Abounds!

- New IHM Council
- Jubilarians
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- IHM Service

Celebrate With Us...



Sister Therese Received Lifetime of Service Medal



Photography by Cheryl Kaiser Fine Photography

On May 1, 2014, Neighbor-Works® Northeastern Pennsylvania hosted the Eighth Annual Casey Medal Event in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Sister Therese O'Rourke, IHM, was among five individuals presented with the Governor Robert P. Casey Medal for a Lifetime of Service this year. This honor, named in tribute to the late governor, is intended to acknowledge the efforts of the recipients, and also to inspire others to service.

Ellen Casey, the wife of the late Governor Robert P. Casey, and Sister Therese O'Rourke, IHM.

Congratulations!

MEET THE NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE IHM LEADERSHIP TEAM:



Sister Ellen Maroney, IHM
President

As IHM vice president and councilor for missioning and community life for the past four years, Sister Ellen brings invaluable experience to her new ministry as IHM president. Sister Ellen, originally from Syracuse, New York, holds a masters degree in American history from the Catholic University of America and a masters degree in pastoral counseling from Marywood University. Sister has more than thirty years of teaching and administrative experience, including serving as vice principal of Holy Cross High School in Scranton, Pennsylvania just prior to assuming her IHM leadership position in 2010. Following her election as president, sister said, “We are truly grateful for the wonderful dedication and commitment of our friends and benefactors who have partnered with us in furthering our IHM mission. Your generosity and support ensures that the IHM mission will continue into the future. We cannot thank you enough.”



Sister Kathryn Clauss, IHM
Vice President, Councilor for Missioning and Community Life

Sister Kathryn, known to many as Sister Katie, was born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Prior to her election to the IHM leadership team, Sister ministered at Marywood University as an assistant professor in the education department. Sister Katie served on the IHM leadership team from 2002-2010 as a councilor for missioning and community life. Sister holds a masters degree in counseling from Marywood University and a PhD in marriage and family therapy from Seton Hall University. She has more than forty years of teaching and administrative experience, including serving as vice president for Mission Integration and Corporate Compliance Officer at Maxis Health System in Carbondale, Pennsylvania. Following her election, sister stated, “I am grateful for this opportunity and privilege to serve the congregation as a member of the leadership team and to work with Ellen, Rosemary, Ellen and Jean Louise.”



Sister Ellen Carney, IHM
Councilor for Temporal Resources

Sister Ellen was re-elected to a second consecutive term as councilor for temporal resources. Sister Ellen, originally from Kew Gardens, New York, first met the IHM Sisters when she attended St. Alphonsus and Immaculata High Schools in New York City. Sister Ellen has an MBA in business administration and finance from the University of Scranton. Prior to her election to the IHM leadership team in 2010, sister served as the assistant treasurer of Marywood University for seven years, business manager for the IHM Congregation for thirteen years, and as treasurer for the Dominican Sisters of Hope in Newburgh, New York for eight years. “I am delighted to continue working alongside our dear IHM friends, family, and benefactors as we continue to fulfill our important IHM mission.”



Sister Jean Louise Bachetti, IHM
Councilor for Spiritual Development

Sister Jean Louise was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Prior to her election to the IHM leadership team, Sister has been the director of IHM associate relationship for ten years. Sister holds masters degrees in spiritual and pastoral care from Loyola University Maryland and educational leadership from Marywood University. Sister Jean Louise has more than forty years experience as a teacher and school administrator, including principal of the following elementary schools: Holy Trinity in Poughkeepsie, New York, Sacred Heart in Mt. Holly, New Jersey, and St. John the Evangelist in Clinton, Maryland. “With the companionship and generosity of our friends and benefactors God’s dream continues to be fulfilled in unconditional love for ‘this beautiful, yet wounded world.’”

‘this beautiful, yet wounded world’ — IHM Direction Statement 2014



Sister Rosemary Goulet, IHM
Councilor for Missioning and Community Life

Sister Rosemary was re-elected to a second consecutive term as councilor for missioning and community life. Sister Rosemary, originally from Lowell, Massachusetts, holds a masters degree in counseling from Marywood University and gerontological services from St. Joseph University, Philadelphia. Before her election to the IHM leadership team in 2010, Sister Rosemary was the pastoral care community service coordinator at Marydale Retirement Village in Newark, Delaware. Sister Rosemary is licensed and certified in nursing home administration and previously served as administrator of the IHM Marian Convent. “IHM mission and ministries continue through the generous support of benefactors, who make possible outreach to those in need. Your support makes possible a multitude of good works.”

Congratulations!

2014 IHM Jubilarians

The personal holiness, talents, and gifts of our 2014 IHM Jubilarians continue to impact the lives of countless individuals and families.

Join us in celebrating the Jubilee of the following IHM Sisters:

EIGHTY FIVE YEARS

Sister M. Francis Gabriel Lenihan, IHM

EIGHTY YEARS

Sister M. Eunice Corcoran, IHM

SEVENTY FIVE YEARS

Sister Elizabeth Grace, IHM

SEVENTY YEARS

Sister Marianne Addy, IHM

Sister M. Francine Connolly, IHM

Sister M. Melissa Hester, IHM

Sister M. Jeannine Parry, IHM

SIXTY YEARS

Sister Jeanne Albrightain, IHM

Sister Joan M. Bastress, IHM

Sister M. de Montfort Babb, IHM

Sister M. Alphonsa Concilio, IHM

Sister Barbara D'Auria, IHM

Sister Beverly Hmel, IHM

Sister M. Annellen Kelly, IHM

Sister M. Pauline Kelly, IHM

Sister Kathleen Lannak, IHM

Sister M. Anselm McShea, IHM

Sister Teresa M. O'Malley, IHM

Sister Marie Elise Regan, IHM

Sister Mary Lambert Rossi, IHM

FIFTY YEARS

Sister Beatrice Caulson, IHM

Sister Ann Grayeski, IHM

Sister Marylin Grosselfinger, IHM

Sister Madonna Marie Lenikus, IHM

Sister Angela Miller, IHM

Sister Anne Munley, IHM

Sister Agnes Panik, IHM

Sister Richard Mary Peters, IHM

Sister Mary Reap, IHM

Sister Madeline Swaboski, IHM

TWENTY FIVE YEARS

Sister Rosemarie Gregorio, IHM

Sister Kathleen Mary Lunsman, IHM

Jubilarian listing as of January 1, 2014

IHM Leadership Gratitude & Appreciation



From June 2010 - June 2014, IHM Sisters Therese O'Rourke (left), president, and Christine Koelhoffer (right), councilor for spiritual development, faithfully served the IHM community through their ministry on the IHM leadership team. It is because of their guidance and passion that the IHM community continues to fulfill its mission of serving God's people. On June 29, 2014, newly elected members of the IHM Leadership Team 2014-2018 will be installed at a special ceremony at the IHM Center Chapel.

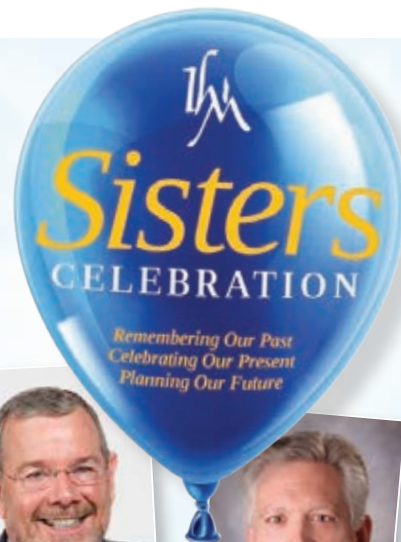
Save the Date!

The Sisters of IHM Foundation is hosting a special event on **August 9, 2014** to benefit the IHM retirement fund, *IHM Sisters Celebration: Remembering Our Past, Celebrating Our Present, Planning Our Future*. The event will be held on the Marywood University campus.

Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn will be the master of ceremonies and P. J. Carlesimo, who was formerly taught by IHM sisters at the Chapel School, will be the guest speaker.

To learn more online, visit the Sisters of IHM Foundation website at www.helpihmsisters.org. To speak to an IHM Foundation representative or to make reservations for the *IHM Sisters Celebration*, call the IHM development office at 570-346-5431. Reservations are \$100/ person and include a cocktail hour followed by dinner.

We hope to see you there!



P.J. Carlesimo



Monsignor Quinn

IHM's Honored by Lackawanna County Commission for Women

On March 8, 2014, officers of the Lackawanna County Commission for Women (LCCW) honored IHM sisters at a special ceremony held at the IHM Center. For 155 years, IHM sisters have served the people in Northeastern Pennsylvania through education, social service, healthcare, and pastoral care. The award was presented during the first annual National Catholic Sisters Week (NCSW), March 8-14. NCSW recognizes the lives and contributions of women religious throughout the United States.



Pictured in the IHM Center Chapel at the presentation of a commemorative plaque, from left: Laurie Cadden, LCCW vice president; Donna Barbetti, LCCW president; IHM Sisters Maryla Farfour, LCCW member, and Therese O'Rourke, IHM president; and, past IHM presidents, IHM Sisters Anne Munley, Michel Keenan, and Mary Persico. Not pictured: Christina Sullivan, Lackawanna County Commissioners secretary.

Legacy of Friendship

The Conlan Siblings

The late Monsignor F. Allan Conlan and his late sister, Eileen Conlan, were lifelong friends of members of the IHM community. Preceding them in death were two sisters, Mary Katherine and Ann Conlan. Their sister Betty Floro currently resides in Clearwater, Florida where Eileen had lived prior to her death in September 2013.

Through his pastoral duties, his many talents, and his vast knowledge, Monsignor Conlan actively evangelized the Catholic faith throughout his life. During his retirement years, Monsignor Conlan served as the IHM Center chaplain for more than five years, celebrating Mass for our sisters everyday at the IHM Center Chapel. Before his covenant with God was fulfilled on June 5, 2012, Eileen traveled from Florida to visit Monsignor and helped to care for him during his later years.

IHM Sister Mary Mark Lowery, Director of Resident Services at the IHM Center at the time that Monsignor was chaplain, said, "He had a wonderful sense of humor; he was extremely knowledgeable and prayerful, and he was deeply loved by the [IHM] community."

Before his death, Monsignor gifted the IHM Sisters with his ordination chalice used in the celebration of mass. After his death, the congregation received the chalice which can be seen today in the IHM sacristy.

Eileen, a 1952 graduate of Marywood Seminary, pre-arranged a financial bequest to the IHM Congregation, establishing her own legacy of friendship with the IHM Sisters.

When she was in town, Eileen would join her classmates for their monthly luncheons. These alumnae gatherings have taken place for more than 20 years and continue today. During the luncheons, classmates share Marywood Seminary stories and reminisce about former educators like IHM Sisters Herman, Coleman, and Dorothea, just to name a few.

Classmate Jo Anne Ratchford remembers Eileen as a "very gentle, soft spoken women who was extremely knowledgeable."

The generosity and involvement of IHM family and friends, such as the Conlan family, has a significant impact on continuing to fulfill the IHM mission. Our dear sisters continue to pray for the Conlan family, and all of our IHM friends and benefactors, whose kind support helps to serve the needs of God's people.



During one of their many trips together, Eileen and Monsignor pose atop the Matterhorn in Switzerland in 2003.

Photo courtesy of Eileen Christian, Marywood Seminary Class of 1952

Prayers of Appreciation

We are grateful to the following friends and family from whom we have received a gift as part of their estate. May God grant them eternal rest and peace.

Most Rev Joseph M. Sullivan Foundation	Irene Denihan
Margaret Rita Eells	Elizabeth C. Combes
Margaret E. Armstrong	Mary B. Dixon
Eileen M. Conlan	Helen M. Zlotucha
Edward G. Conway	Loretta J. Cornell
Joseph P. Seguljic	

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Sister Francis Gabriel Celebrated 103rd Birthday!



Sister Francis Gabriel Lenihan, IHM, dancing during her 103rd birthday celebration.

On March 1, 2014, Sister Francis Gabriel Lenihan, IHM, celebrated her 103rd birthday. Sister Francis Gabriel celebrated with IHM sisters, friends, and family at the Pasucci Family Our Lady of Peace Residence (OLP) where she resides with nearly 100 other IHM sisters. Sister Francis Gabriel is also celebrating her 85th anniversary of profession this year. Sister now serves in prayer ministry and formerly served as a primary teacher for more than sixty five years.



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