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My Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Daughters of Charity of the Province of St. Louise! As we close 2020 and look toward 2021, we share stories of encouragement and hope with you in this issue of *Faith Afire*.

Every six years, the Daughters' Provinces from around the world are asked to convene a Provincial Assembly in advance of the General Assembly to be held at the Motherhouse in Paris the following year. This year, 2020, was Provincial Assembly year. Travel restrictions and health concerns stirred our creativity to accomplish the Assembly safely.

Our Provincial Assembly, like so many other Daughters' Assemblies, was held in a much different way. It was held virtually! Our Sister Delegates, Substitutes, and Auditors joined together online to pray, celebrate the Liturgy, learn, discuss, and—just before the opening of the Assembly—welcome two newly appointed Councillors to the Province. Through the wonders of technology, we welcomed Sister Marie Raw, General Councillor from her home at the Motherhouse in Paris; held small group discussions; and delivered presentations. The theme for the Assemblies in 2020 and 2021, about which you will read more in the magazine, is “Ephata.” Translated as “Be Open,” this reference is found in Mark’s Gospel, 7:34.

As we close the Christmas season and move into 2021, still facing much uncertainty and unrest, my prayer for you is to “be open.” Let us strive to follow the advice of Pope Francis that he shares in his latest Encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*. Care for one another, pray for one another, listen to one another. Only through our solidarity as humans can we relieve the suffering of the world.

May the Lord guide you and protect you.  
Blessings,



Sister Catherine Mary Norris, D.C.  
Provincial

Dear Friends,

We all recognize that we are living in unprecedented times with the worldwide pandemic touching all of us in one way or another. Our routines have been disrupted as our world has been turned upside down. We have experienced loss: the loss of life as we knew it, the loss of relational living, the loss of rituals such as Mass, birthday parties, anniversary celebrations. But I also believe that we have discovered, or recovered, many important values that I hope will become part of the “new normal” of our daily lives. I would like to mention two of them, which I think you will find reflected in this issue of *Faith Afire*.

Our “stay-more-at-home” life has given us more time to reflect on and pray with the Scriptures. The beautiful and familiar words of Psalm 23 remind us that God is with us as a Shepherd, protecting and guiding us. The stories of Jesus climbing into the storm-tossed boat and calming the winds and waves remind us of His words, “Be not afraid, I am with you.” We are challenged to focus on Jesus and not on the storm! During Christmas we heard the familiar name for Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, we rejoice in a new way to discover God as our lifelong companion, our co-pilot on the journey!

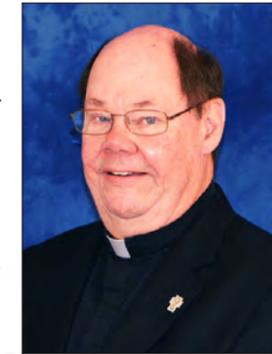
We have also discovered in these months that the Mission continues! We have discovered creative ways to continue the Vincentian Mission of bringing the good news of God’s love to others, especially those who are poor or marginalized. Our Sisters have learned how to reach out to others through Zoom and FaceTime and other forms of social media. As we know, it is the poor who suffer the most from the effects of the virus, and it is our challenge in finding ways to respond to their needs.

As we move into the New Year, may we be grateful for a God who loves us and walks with us in good times and difficult times. May we show our gratitude by responding to the challenge of creatively serving our brothers and sisters in need. May God continue to watch over and bless you!

In Vincent and Louise,



Father John Kettelberger, C.M.  
Provincial Director



## On the Cover:

Masked and gloved, Registered Nurse Sister Theresa Sullivan, Executive Director of Daybreak in Macon, Georgia, checks medications. Daybreak, a part of Depaul USA, provides a multitude of services for those who are homeless. You can read more on page 21 of this issue.

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Top left, Father John Kettelberger, Director, celebrates Mass virtually during the Provincial Assembly; top right, Father John, Sister Katie Norris, and Sister Nancy Murphy follow the music as Sisters join in singing from their own homes (television screen); lower left, Sister Alexandrine Lazzari views all from her home in Evansville, Ind.; lower right, Sister Marie Raw at the microphone with Sister Teresa George seated at her right.; both listened to Sisters' comments and responded.

## Province of St. Louise Goes Virtual for Assembly

In past years, for Provincial Meetings and Assemblies, the Daughters of Charity Province of St. Louise has taken advantage of technology and “gone live” with segments. It also has videotaped, for playback by non-attending sisters, parts of meetings. This year, though, for the first time and because of health concerns and travel restrictions due to COVID-19, the Province held an all-virtual Zoom Video Meeting for Part I of its Provincial Assembly.

Prior to the opening of the Assembly, two new Councillors were installed—Sister Ellen LaCapria and Sister Denise LaRock. Through the wonders of Zoom, Sister Marie Raw, General Councillor, joined the Installation from the Daughters' Motherhouse in Paris.

Before entering into the Assembly, the Province Sisters participated in a virtual retreat led by Father Guillermo Campuzano, C.M. Father asked the Sisters to be open, to be listeners, to be receivers of all that surrounds them—in ministry and in community. Father encouraged the Sisters of the Province with words of Pope

Francis, “Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to hesitate when the Spirit calls us to take a step forward.”

Sister Catherine Mary (Katie) Norris opened the Assembly. Sister Katie, along with the Province Director and Councillors, all were stationed in what became known as the “Hub,” located in the Provincial Office’s largest conference room. Set up as a mini-television news studio, the Assembly was hosted from there. For the Installation of Councillors and celebration of the Liturgy, as many as 240 Sisters on separate devices joined the Zoom Video Meeting. At other times, only the voting delegates (127) were present.

Focused on Ephata, the summer part of the Provincial Assembly centered around propositions and postulates to be forwarded to Paris for consideration at the Daughters' General Assembly planned for summer 2021. As Visitatrix (Provincial), Sister Katie will attend the General Assembly. So, too, will the selected Delegate from the Province, Sister Teresa George, Province Councillor and Treasurer.

For weeks leading up to the virtual Assembly, Daughters participated in practice Zoom Video Meetings as well as practice voting sessions—all in an effort to put the new technology behind them and the Assembly business in front of them.

Part II of the Provincial Assembly (focused on domestic and Province ideas) will once again be virtual. Set for early March, the Sisters of the Province of St. Louise will once again take to the internet to greet one another, share in small groups, attend virtual Mass, and pray. Meeting virtually is not to any of the Sisters the same as meeting in person, but the technology allows the Sisters the opportunity to share and be present with one another in the safest way possible.



Top, Sister Sharon Horace, Brownsville, Texas, shares as Sisters in the “Hub” listen in; lower, Sister Marie Raw, General Councillor, Paris, France, welcomes Sisters Ellen LaCapria and Denise LaRock as Councillors for the Province as Sister Judith Mausser (who now serves as the English-speaking Secretary at the Motherhouse in France and who is from the Province of St. Louise) listens in. The wonders of technology!



## Two Provincial Councillors Installed

The Installation of two new Councillors for the Province of St. Louise, Sister Ellen LaCapria and Sister Denise LaRock, took place July 13, 2020 at the Provincial Office in St. Louis, Missouri. Both Sisters will serve a three-year term, and with a combined total of over 70 years as Daughters, have much to share and contribute to the Council and the Province.

### Sister Ellen LaCapria

Sister Ellen LaCapria arrived in St. Louis in late June, having been on mission at Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, Maryland for the past seven years. A lifelong appreciation and gift for art proved adaptable as she replaced paintbrush and palette with a PC and design of a graphic arts program at the school's office of development.



Sister Ellen entered the Daughters of Charity in 1976 and, as she recalls today, wasn't quite sure back then if or how her artistic gift would be utilized; she only knew that a trust in God and a willingness to "serve wherever there was a need" would be her guidepost. In 1982, following a year at Seton High School in Baltimore where she served as an art and religion teacher, Sister Ellen's ministry took a U-turn from the creative to the clinical when she was missioned to Washington, D.C. to pursue a nursing degree. After earning her BSN, Sister Ellen served in acute care, home care and nursing home care settings. Hospital administration would follow, where she served as Vice President for Mission Integration. Sister Ellen's ministries—from creating Vincentian works of art, to performing music with a gospel choir, to facilitating mandala/prayer workshops—have proven to those whose hospital boards she has served on and with those whom she has taught in institutional and organizational settings, that not only can the two sides of one's brain harmoniously coexist, but better still, bring out the best in each other. Other interests include experimentation in cooking and foreign travel, always with an eye for the beauty of God's creation and the heart to pass His eternal love on to those she serves.

### Sister Denise LaRock

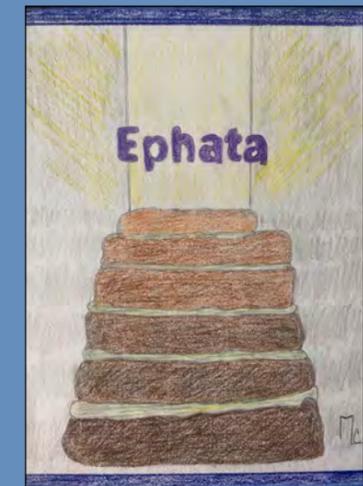
A recent arrival to the St. Louis, Sister Denise LaRock knows all too well the importance of being received and welcomed when stepping into a new situation. Her most recent mission in San Antonio, Texas, allowed Sister Denise to do what she has done best during her nearly 30 years as a Daughter of Charity: making the newcomer feel welcome; ensuring that it isn't the place but the heart that makes a home. Her ministry as part of the Interfaith Coalition Commission in San Antonio epitomized this calling of welcome and feeling of belonging as she greeted weary—and fearful—asylum seekers from Central America. Her daily presence at the bus station for these families consisted of a ready smile, backpacks filled with the essentials and, most importantly, the assurance that they were now in safe hands. Sister's assistance with interpretation, with bus schedules and tickets, and mobilization of non-profit agencies and churches in times of crises, fulfilled daily the Daughters' charism of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac to be of service to those whose needs are greatest.

An unorthodox upbringing offered Sister Denise a world that, at times, caused her to feel, like the asylum seekers, a sense of apartness; an uncertainty as to whom and just where she belonged. She spent much of her early years questioning where she fit in. That is, until, as she recalls today, "I entered the Daughters of Charity. Suddenly, for the first time I could ever remember, I knew what it felt like to belong." The struggles of self didn't magically disappear but working through these memories of doubt allowed a compassion-filled and spiritually strong Daughter of Charity to emerge. Her ministries throughout the past nearly 30 years have demonstrated a willingness to reach beyond the



surface of life – and lives – to embrace the whole person. From her earliest ministry as a grade-school teacher, creating an environment rich in learning both inside and outside the classroom with an after-school tutoring program for Hispanic and at-risk students in Macon, Georgia that offered the opportunity to rise above one's surroundings yet stay true to culture and customs, and as a Vocation Director in Baltimore, in guiding young women who are questioning and discerning their life's path, their sense of belonging in the world. There will always be obstacles to overcome, worlds to rebuild, goals to attain. Yet, for Sister Denise, the biggest lesson she has learned—and strives to teach—is that each person deserves to feel welcomed, to know love. As a new Councillor, Sister Denise's newest ministry is like all the others that have preceded it as she explores her new city (which includes kayaking on the river and cycling in the park), ensuring that she and those she serves will be made to feel at home. Or, as she so eloquently states: "To show compassion without borders and love without boundaries."

During the summer Provincial Assembly, Sisters of the Province were encouraged to share art that focused on the theme of "Ephata." Top painting, Sister Ellen LaCapria, through her mixed media painting, ponders, "Be Open – The strong wooden door, open to a world of nights and days; Many hands stretched to give and receive; Grown from the charity of Christ that urges." Middle painting by Sister Mary Celeste Lehman who shares, "The model for my artwork is an Easter card sent to me by Sister Claire Edwards. The paper is made from bamboo and was given to me by Sister Joan Ann Barrett. Lower, Sister Mary Polutanovich's bird's nest painting. Sister Mary ponders... "The chick has to break through the shell by itself so that it can be free—coming to new life and new birth. What is enclosing each of us? Encasing us? What do we need to break free from so it doesn't hold us back?"





## The heART and Soul of Cook County

Life inside the Cook County Department of Corrections, located in a low-income area of Chicago, Illinois, offers a strict structured life to its 9,000+ population. Inside this massive complex is a building that houses Women Division #5; a place where six isolated areas called tiers (each one, a large space of 40 cells on two levels, a day room in the middle where tables and benches are bolted to the floor) holds a sizable female population with very little to call one's own. An environment that calls for an inexhaustible test of endurance—waiting to be sentenced, to appeal, to be released—that leads to a long stretch of an unfathomable absence of who and what matter most: children, families, friends, homes, independence, freedom. Conformity to an inflexible environment is required, insisted upon by those in charge, and

individual attention to one's human identity is often detached from life inside. But hope does survive—and comes alive—for the women of Division #5 when an invitation from artist Sister Angele Hinkey D.C., is accepted to come experience a "Painting From The Heart" opportunity; a therapeutic art program for inmates that features free, self-expression in a creative oil painting. Sister Angele began the program at Cook County in 2012, designed to "unlock a woman's past in order to create a future."

This morning, Sister Angele walks briskly towards the Cook County Complex; after 7½ years, she's become a familiar face and welcome presence to many in this jail/prison system. From the sizable parking lot, dodging in and out of jumbo SUVs, she crosses two

busy streets, and walks quickly through the big black gate into the first security building. She receives her first "pat down" as her materials go through the security machine, then continues onward across another lot to her division building. After two more security checks, she walks through the building and up to the second floor where she gathers her materials from the social worker's office, finally reaching her small, cinder block "Cook County Art Studio." Sister is eager to get the day started. She primarily meets with women who have been incarcerated over a year (some are here 3, 4, 5 or more years waiting on appeal), but she also accepts those serving between 90 and 120 days (whom Sister believes may not be as open to the experience in that short of time). The inmate's level of security—maximum, medium, or minimum—does not affect whom Sister sees. She is humbled and grateful that her gift as an artist opens hearts and enriches lives, not just in the women she serves, but in her own as well.

Sister Angele entered the Daughters of Charity in 1957, attended Marillac College and has spent the last 60+ years serving in the ministries of Early Childhood Education, Daycare, and Pastoral Care, which included supervising visits between foster children and their parents (Catholic Charities). Her fifth-grade teacher discovered her art talent and a few years after high school, she entered the Ringling School of Art. After one year at the school (which "I absolutely loved," Sister Angele says today), she found herself uncertain about her life journey: Should it be marriage and an art career or was she being called to life in Community and a vocation of service of the poor? She applied and was accepted into the Community of the Daughters of Charity. "As I lived out my life in the various ministries, I learned and



Opposite page, Sister Angele and one of her students; top, the large Cook County Department of Corrections; lower, Sister Angele and one of her students walk together for a bit following a "Painting from the Heart" opportunity. Page 8 photo and lower photo on page 9 courtesy of Christopher Jacobs, Program Manager, Cook County Correctional Facility.

was surprised at how I could use my 'art gift' in many different forms," Sister Angele recalls.

In 2005, Sister was missioned to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to assist Sister Mary Poluntanovich in her "Art Program for the Poor." The building was a simple, old funeral home storefront, given the name "Creation Station," by the people in the program. Sister Angele recounts a moment of questioning wonder, "It had been so long since I picked up an oil brush, I wasn't sure if I could still paint!" she says today, adding, "I was so happy to discover that once we have a gift, we never lose it!"



The next seven years was a wonderful time at the Creation Station with a variety of art activities offered: painting, quilt-making, jewelry design, clay sculpturing, weaving, card-making and many other unique forms of creative expression that opened minds and hearts. In turn, they were then asked to serve the women in the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility, located in the downtown area. Prison ministry is one that

follows closely the charism of the Community's founders, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac, who saw social justice as its guiding tenet "to serve the poor wherever the need is greatest." While eager to begin at the prison, Sister Angele says, "We were limited in what we could do with the women, so we decided on card-making with various materials to create their own cards for their children and families. After several months, I branched out with this painting experience of 'Painting From The Heart.' The women responded whole-heartedly."

For Sisters Angele and Mary, "Participating in creative activities is an experience that helped to heal those who were in need and those incarcerated, and to create from within and express their own style with freedom of individuality." When the Daughters left Milwaukee in 2012, Sister Angele was missioned to Chicago to continue her "Painting From The Heart" experience at Cook County.

As in Milwaukee, Sister Angele's ministry in the Chicago facility was to unlock the past of those "she is privileged to serve." She feels humbled by their trust in her as they share their stories. For three days a week, Sister Angele makes the rounds of the tiers in Division #5, seeking out women who may want to take part in the painting experience. Word of mouth is effective; some sign up ahead of time, some are chosen because of their traumatic life experiences, and some are recommended by their counselor or

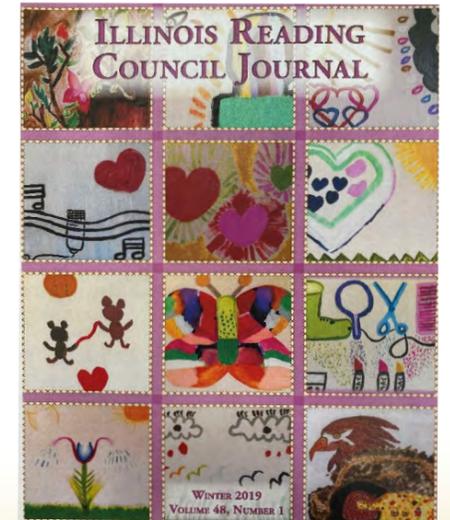
social worker. From time to time, even an officer will recommend an inmate to paint, "because she needs it." These painting opportunities are private, one-on-one, and held in the mornings for about 2 to 3 hours; a typical time in which to finish their painting. In the afternoon, the women have 'lock-up' time in their cells for 3 hours each day.

Nearly none of the women have painted before, and so this opportunity is a little scary (as the women readily admit). "But, they want to do it!" Sister says. She and the inmate begin by spending time together, just talking, when eventually, "the women pull up from within those images that may be stuck ... or ready to emerge," Sister explains. The artists are introduced to the materials, and then they begin. As Sister Angele enthusiastically explains, "The first stroke with the paint brush is always scary, but after that, they just sail! They make that white canvas disappear with color and their images emerge; each one creating a 'masterpiece.' They learn what the brush can give to them and develop their own confidence in creating something new. Each painting expresses their individual story, but whatever they choose to paint, it is accepted and they always 'love their painting.'" Painting in this manner can begin a healing, whether it is realistic, symbolic, designed or random. The women learn about themselves in releasing those feelings and the experiences that hold them tight, freeing their own unique womanhood to take into their future.

Because the paintings are the property of Cook County, Sister Angele takes a photo of each painting for the inmate to keep; a treasured keepsake. Sister then places their original painting in a large portfolio for safe-keeping. Some paintings are exhibited in frames, which line the main hallway in their division. Those working in the facility have a chance to view the artwork, and even officers will stop to look. Often, the inmate will tell Sister or their social worker that there is a softening in the officer's attitude toward her, a newfound respect shown. Inmates also take pride in seeing their paintings professionally exhibited, titled and signed with their first name, as they pass through on their way to the clinic, the dentist. The sight of their painting hanging for all to see makes them feel proud, so incredibly proud.

The words we hear sung so often in parish churches, reveal the wonder of these women's paintings, the magnificence of expression when the heart has been opened and the spirit set free. "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has ready for those who love Him." The beauty of God's eternal love for whom He created in His Image, the promise of a future, revealed with the believing eyes and trusting ears of an open heart for all to see. God's infinite love is reflected in the artist's newfound confidence, a smile that of a woman who can now believe in herself—with all her heart *and* soul.

Sister Angele has been volunteering at the Kolbe House Jail Ministry in Chicago since Cook County Correctional Facility was locked down in the spring. Three days a week for the past several months, Sister has been a self-described "all-purpose volunteer," doing anything that is asked of her—whether it is a request from the director, the secretary, the staff, or the inmates who have been recently released from any jail or prison in the state. As she says: "I am very busy and just loving it!" With another temporary shutdown in place, Sister Angele looks forward to the day when she can once again see the face of God in all those whom she has been so "abundantly blessed to serve"



The Illinois Reading Council Journal recently featured several of the paintings on the cover of its publication.



Paintings, expressing much, are on display in the corridor in the women's division.

# 2020 Jubilarians

Celebrating 2,040 Years of Serving Christ in Those in Need  
During 2020, 32 Daughters of Charity from the Province celebrate Jubilees.



**From left to right, top to bottom:** Sister Margaret Ann Wooden, Sister Mary Satala, Sister Rose Marie Henschke, Sister Carmela Molini, Sister Anthony Barczykowski, Sister Rosalie Digenan, Sister Beth Ruder. **Second Row:** Sister Sharon Hagen, Sister Sharon Richardt, Sister Emile Morgan, Sister Mary John Code, Sister Maria Liebeck, Sister Lucille Marie Beauchamp, Sister Kathleen Miles. **Third Row:** Sister Helen Negri, Sister Gloria Gilman, Sister Teresita Heenan, Sister Therese Noble, Sister Natalie McCubbin, Sister Margaret Ann McSweeney, Sister Mary John Lindner. **Fourth Row:** Sister Gloria Esposito, Sister Patricia Collins, Sister Marion Brett, Sister Marie Burns, Sister Marian Hamwey, Sister Mary Ann Wiltzius, Sister Faith Colligan. **Fifth Row:** Sister Molly Smith, Sister Maria Gnerro, Sister Patricia Elder, Sister Ellen McRedmond.

## 75 Years Vocation

Sister Lucille Marie Beauchamp, D.C.

*January 1, 1945*

A Nursing Supervisor, Director of Nursing Services, Dean of Troy University, Education Director, Archivist, Hospital Vice Chair, Board Chair and Member, and Local Community Superior, Sister Lucille has served in Tennessee, Alabama, Wisconsin, and Indiana. Today, Sister lives in Evansville, Ind., where she serves in the Ministry of Prayer.

Sister Mary John Lindner, D.C.

*January 5, 1945*

An Elementary, Secondary and College Teacher, Superintendent of Schools, Visitatrix, Parish Minister, Tutor, Provincial Councillor, and Local Community Superior, Sister Mary John has served in Louisiana, Missouri, and Texas. Sister serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Emmitsburg, Md.

Sister Natalie McCubbin, D.C.

*December 5, 1945*

An Elementary Teacher and Principal, Business Manager, Patient Visitor, Librarian, and Local Community Superior, Sister Natalie has served in Maryland, New York, Massachusetts, North Carolina, West Virginia, and Florida. Today, Sister lives in Emmitsburg, Md., where she serves in the Ministry of Prayer.

Sister Mary Ann Wiltzius, D.C.

*December 3, 1945*

A Teacher, Social Worker, Local Community Superior, and Administrator who served in Rural Ministry and as a Hospital Visitor,

Sister Mary Ann has served in Missouri, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, and Mississippi. Today, Sister serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Evansville, Ind.

## 70 Years Vocation

Sister Anthony Barczykowski, D.C.

*January 18, 1950*

A Teacher, Social Worker, Administrator, Associate Director, CEO, Provincial Councillor, Executive Director, Board Member, and Local Community Superior, Sister Anthony has served in Alabama, California, and Louisiana. Sister Anthony was missioned in 2020 from New Orleans to St. Louis, where she continues to serve in the Ministry of Prayer at The Sarah Community in Bridgeton, Mo.

Sister Mary John Code, D.C.

*August 9, 1950*

A Nurse, Nursing Supervisor, Rehabilitation Coordinator and Director, Home Health Care Field and Case Manager, Quality Assurance and Staff Development Coordinator, Wellness Educator, and Local Community Superior, Sister Mary John has served in Illinois, Alabama, Texas, Missouri, and Louisiana. Sister now serves in the Ministry of Prayer in New Orleans, La.

Sister Rosalie Digenan, D.C.

*January 18, 1950*

An Elementary and Middle School Teacher, Administrator, Executive Director, Vincentian Formation Team Member, Religious Education Director,

Pastoral Associate, Campus Minister, Board Member, and Local Community Superior, Sister Rosalie has served in Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, Utah, Louisiana, Colorado, and Indiana. Sister Rosalie lives in Evansville, Ind., where she serves in the Ministry of Prayer.

Sister Patricia Elder, D.C.

*October 25, 1950*

A Staff Nurse and Nursing Supervisor, Faculty and Director of Maternity-Midwifery Graduate Program, Education Coordinator, Clinical Nurse, Director of Maternity Care, Nurse-Midwife Practitioner and Instructor, Community Ambassador, Governance Development and Board Chair, Sister Patricia has served in Tennessee, Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, Texas, Ecuador, and Taiwan. Sister now serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Evansville, Ind.

Sister Gloria Esposito, D.C.

*December 18, 1950*

A Primary Teacher and Principal, Missionary Service, Departmental Director of Schools in La Paz and Cochabamba, Bolivia, National Teacher Training Team Instructor in Bolivia, Director, Provincial Treasurer, and Local Community Superior, Sister Gloria served for 60 years in Cochabamba Bolivia. She also served in California, Maryland, Ohio, and New York; Today, Sister serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Albany, N.Y.

Sister Maria Gnerro, D.C.  
*December 18, 1950*  
An Elementary Teacher, Outreach Assistant, Gift Shop Clerk, Parish Minister, Archives Assistant, Patient Advocate, and Local Community Superior, Sister Maria has served in Maryland, Virginia, and New York. Sister now serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Emmitsburg, Md.

Sister Maria Liebeck, D.C.  
*August 9, 1950*  
Primary and Middle School Teacher, Assistant Postulant Directress, Dean of Students and Art Director, Assistant Art Professor, Activity Director, Parish Worker, Helping Hand Outreach Coordinator, Pastoral Minister, and Local Community Superior, Sister Maria has served in Missouri, Iowa, Texas, Arkansas, and Puerto Rico. Today, Sister resides in Bridgeton, Mo., where she serves in the Ministry of Prayer.

Sister Carmela Molini, D.C.  
*March 25, 1950*  
An Elementary and Secondary Teacher, Principal, Pastoral Minister, Librarian, Docent, Tutor, and Local Community Superior, Sister Carmela has served in Mississippi, Missouri, Louisiana, Iowa, Texas, Arizona, and Maryland. Today, Sister resides in Bridgeton, Mo., where she serves in the Ministry of Prayer.

Sister Thérèse Noble, D.C.  
*October 25, 1950*  
An Elementary Teacher, Tutor and Aide, Pastoral Care, Docent and Volunteer, Sister Thérèse has served in Missouri, California, Nevada, Alabama, Utah, Mississippi, Illinois, and Maryland. Today, Sister lives in Evansville, Ind., where she serves in the Ministry of Prayer.

Sister Molly Smith, D.C.  
*December 18, 1950*  
An Elementary and High School Teacher, Principal, Directress of the Seminary, Parish Diocesan Director and Minister, and Co-Director of Samaritan House of Catholic Charities in Broome County, N.Y., Sister Molly has served in Maryland and New York. Today, Sister serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Albany, N.Y.

### [60 Years Vocation](#)

Sister Marion Brett, D.C.  
*June 5, 1960*  
A Teacher, Area Coordinator, Director, Board Member, and Local Community Superior, Sister Marion has served in Missouri, Louisiana, and Texas. Sister entered the Ministry of Prayer in New Orleans, La.; today, she serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Evansville, Ind.

Sister Marie Burns, D.C.  
*April 28, 1960*  
A Child Care Worker, Health Care Governance, Administrator and Trustee, Sister Marie has served in Maryland, New York, Virginia, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. Sister serves at St. Louise House in Albany, N.Y., where she serves in the Ministry of Prayer.

Sister Faith Colligan, D.C.  
*April 28, 1960*  
A Teacher, U.N. Representative in N.Y., Social Justice Coordinator and Advocate, Board Member, and Local Community Superior, Sister Faith has served in New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. Today, Sister serves on Advocacy projects through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul National Office in St. Louis, Mo.

Sister Sharon Hagen, D.C.  
*June 5, 1960*  
A Teacher, Computer Consultant, Systems Analyst, Campus Minister, Counselor, and Board Member, Sister Sharon has served in Arizona, Illinois, Mississippi, Indiana, Massachusetts, and Michigan. Sister currently serves as a Counselor in Farmington, Hills, Mich.

Sister Marian Hamwey, D.C.  
*April 28, 1960*  
A Seminary and High School Teacher, Social Worker, Public Health Administrator in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Africa, Case Manager for Catholic Charities, Food Pantry Coordinator, and Board Member, Sister Marian has served in Maryland, South Carolina, Georgia, and New York. Sister currently serves as Case Manager at the Roarke Center in Troy, N.Y.

Sister Teresita Heenan, D.C.  
*June 5, 1960*  
An Elementary Teacher, Parish Minister, Pastoral Care Associate, Docent, Librarian, and Archives Assistant, Sister Teresita has served in Missouri, Louisiana, Colorado, Mississippi, Illinois, Alabama, Ohio and Maryland. Sister now serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Evansville, Ind.

Sister Rose Marie Henschke, D.C.  
*April 28, 1960*  
A Teacher, Director of Religious Education, Tutor, Vincentian Animator-Coordinator of Volunteers, Pastoral Care, Parish Minister, and Local Community Superior, Sister Rose Marie has served in Maryland, North and South Carolina, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Florida. Today, Sister serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Emmitsburg, Md.

Sister Ellen McRedmond, D.C.  
*January 25, 1960*  
A Medical-Surgical Nurse and Supervisor, Staff Nurse, Pastoral Associate, Parish Minister, Docent, Outreach Coordinator, and Prison Ministry Chaplain, Sister Ellen has served in Alabama, Louisiana, Missouri, Maryland, Kansas, Texas, and Pennsylvania. Sister today serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Evansville, Ind.

Sister Margaret Ann McSweeney, D.C.  
*April 28, 1960*  
A Child Care Worker, Business Manager, Case Aid Worker, Assistant Accountant, Financial Counselor to clinic patients, Payroll Manger, Social Worker and Parish Outreach Minister, Sister Margaret Ann has served in Michigan, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, and Connecticut. Today, Sister serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Albany, N.Y.

Sister Kathleen Miles, D.C.  
*September 12, 1960*  
A Teacher, Catholic Social Services Minister, Catechist, Pastoral and Parish Minister, Director, Parish Administrator, Patient Representative, Volunteer, Board Member, and Local Community Superior, Sister Kathleen has served in Missouri, Texas, California, Nebraska, and Arkansas. She currently serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Bridgeton, Mo.

Sister Emile Morgan, D.C.  
*September 12, 1960*  
A Secondary Teacher, English Department Chair, Missionary in Africa, and Director for Office of Communications, Sister Emile has served in Missouri, Illinois, Texas, and Africa. Sister currently serves as an Assistant Director at a homeless shelter in El Paso, Texas.

Sister Helen Negri, D.C.  
*June 5, 1960*  
An Elementary Teacher, Social Worker, Supervisor, Director, Administrator, Executive Director, CEO, and Board Member, Sister Helen has served in Alabama, Missouri, and Louisiana. Sister currently assists with fund development at Marygrove in Florissant, Mo.

Sister Sharon Richardt, D.C.  
*June 5, 1960*  
A Nurse and Nurse Supervisor, Rehabilitation and Nursing Coordinator, Vice President of Ambulatory Care and Regional Vice President of Mission Service, Vice President of Mission Integration and Ministry Formation, Chief Mission Officer, Provincial Councillor, Director of Retreat Center, Board Member, and Local Community Superior, Sister Sharon has served in Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Today, Sister serves as Coordinator for the Spirituality of Transformation for the Province of St. Louise in Baltimore, Md.

Sister Mary Satala, D.C.  
*January 25, 1960*  
A Head Nurse, Postulant Directress, Student Service Coordinator, Coordinator and Director of Mission Services, and Mental Health Counselor, Sister Mary has served in Louisiana, Missouri, Indiana, Alabama, Illinois, and Warsaw, Poland. Sister now serves in the Ministry of Prayer in Evansville, Ind.

### [50 Years Vocation](#)

Sister Patricia Collins, D.C.  
*March 11, 1970*  
A Child Care Worker, Director and Administrator for St. Louis House, Social Worker, Emergency

Assistance provider at Catholic Charities, Refugee Services provider, Local Community Superior, and Board Members, Sister Patricia has served throughout her ministry in New York. Sister currently serves in Utica, N.Y., where she ministers to refugees.

Sister Gloria Gilman, D.C.  
*March 11, 1970*  
A Child Care Worker and Supervisor, Case Worker, Volunteer Coordinator, Personnel Director, Director, Administrator, Webmaster, Board Member, and Local Community Superior, Sister Gloria has served in Virginia, Maryland, North and South Carolina, Florida, and Washington, D.C. Sister now resides in Emmitsburg, Md., where she serves in the Ministry of Prayer.

Sister Beth Marie Ruder, D.C.  
*May 27, 1970*  
A Housemother, Social Worker, Director of Catholic Charities, Provincial Secretary, Board Member, and Local Community Superior, Sister Beth Marie has served in Alabama, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana. Currently, Sister serves as a Counselor at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg, Md.

Sister Margaret Ann Wooden, D.C.  
*March 11, 1970*  
An Elementary Teacher, Child Care Worker and Supervisor, and Board Member, Sister Margaret Ann has served in Maryland, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Sister currently serves as an elementary teacher at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg, Md.

# Seasons of Hope

## On Mission with the Daughters of Charity in 2020

COVID-19 has upended every corner of our world; a pandemic that has shaken and tested us all, each of us in ways we never imagined. But throughout our world, as Daughters on mission, we have discovered God's seasons of hope, reimagined the landscape of a locked-down world and created one that continues to touch lives and fill hearts. In classrooms, in hospitals, in child care centers, in food pantries, in far-off missions and nearby neighborhoods. We answer the call of our founders to serve, pay heed to the teachings of Jesus, and reflect in awe the goodness of our God. Together, we have found hope in the smallest of victories and, more importantly, in the greatest of challenges. We have found hope in those we serve, who continue to inspire us, who take us with them on their difficult journeys and, in return, allow us to walk with them, everyday heroes whose hope knows no bounds. Even in a pandemic, hope blesses us all. As we take a step back, reflect on the past year and the months ahead, we take comfort in the words so familiar to those who believe in the goodness of our world and the faith that carries us: *To everything, there is a season; a time for every purpose under heaven.* (Ecclesiastes 3)

### *A Time to Embrace...*

Sister Catherine Marie Lowe, St. Patrick's Center, Wilmington, Delaware

For the homeless in Wilmington, St. Patrick's Center has been a source of refuge with its doors remaining open throughout the past seven months while other shelters and centers have been forced to close. Sister Catherine Marie and her staff, along with the Sisters in her house, have ensured that its Food Bank continues to provide lunches prepared each day of the week, and feels blessed that food and cleaning supplies are readily available. Assistance has also come from the Lieutenant Governor of the state, Bethany Hall-Long, who visited in person and early on provided two portable toilets with wash stations for use in the parking lot. In Sister Catherine Marie's own words: "I am committed to remaining open until the time when there is no more food, or no employees. I have a student calling our seniors checking in to ask their needs every other day. So far, I am well and plan to remain well. Take care of yourself. Stay healthy!"



### *A Time to Speak...*

Sister Migdalia (Meggie) Flores, Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services (DMRS), El Paso, Texas



Sister Migdalia (Meggie) Flores shares: "The pandemic gave us what I call 'a migrating experience.' When DMRS closed its office, many questions came into our minds. Minors...without a sponsor and still under 18 years of age get a legal representative in court by our incredible team of lawyers backed up by the rest of us at DMRS. So, how do we get to the minors in quarantine? Zoom, FaceTime, Remote access, and others. You name it and we've got it. I do see God at work in this pandemic crisis: We are called to live in relationship with God, despite the fact that our churches may be closed or limited; in relationship with others when we cannot embrace them; in relationship with ourselves; even more when we are vulnerable."

### *A Time to Build Up...*

Sister Mary Felice, St. Vincent the Servant General Reference Hospital, Lukolela, Democratic Republic of the Congo



Sister Mary Felice shares welcoming news that the foundation for their next building has been laid; a building that includes an Intensive Care Unit, another much needed improvement for our hospital, and will "provide rooms for psychiatric patients and four isolation rooms for various infectious diseases, such as measles, polio, TB, and more" that remain a threat in this part of the world. Sister Mary offers a special note of thanks and prayers to all whose donations made this building possible. She says, "We thank you and ask God to protect you and your family during this challenging time in the world."

## A Time for Peace...

Sister Kara Davis, Marillac St. Vincent Family Services, Chicago, Illinois

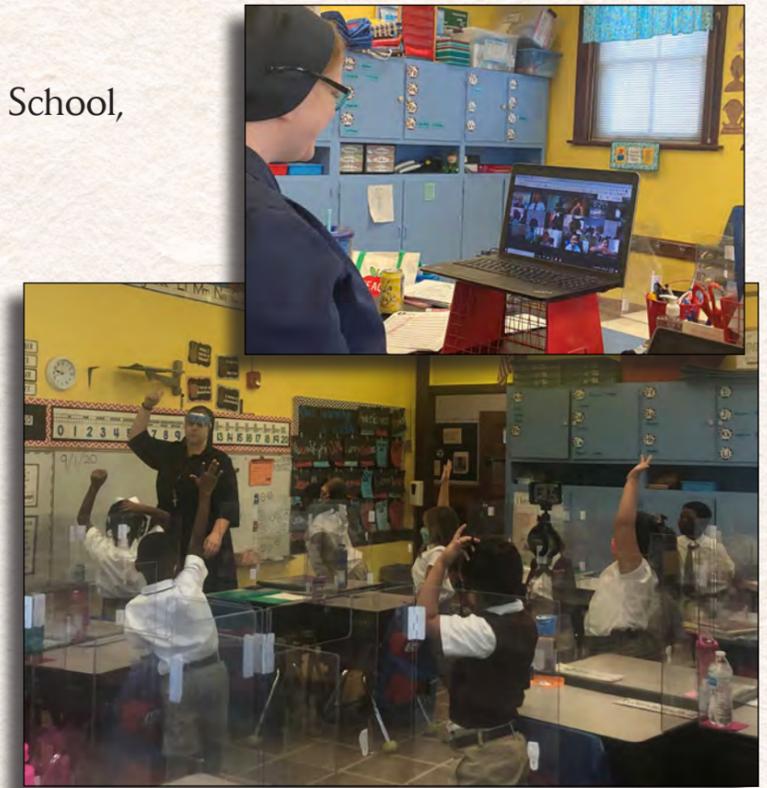
Sister Kara was one of several thousands of people across the country featured in a PBS special entitled, "American portraits," which offered insights as to why people are motivated to go forward during the COVID-19 crisis. Sister Kara, who ordinarily serves in Chicago as a resident speech pathologist for children and families, assisted in the Marillac St. Vincent Family Services' west side pantry. Here each morning, Sister Kara organized cans of food and made deliveries to home-bound seniors in the area. In reply to the program's question of, "Who makes you get out of bed in the morning?" Sister Kara said simply, "I get up in the morning because each morning is fresh, a new start, a new opportunity to serve. Because there is such a need out there. When I make a delivery to someone who's homebound, I know that might be the only food that person will have that day."



## A Time to Laugh...

Sister Kate McFall, St. Peter Claver School, Macon, Georgia

Sister Kate McFall, assigned to her first mission at St. Peter Claver in Macon, serves as a teacher of 23 high-spirited kindergartners. Described as energetic, compassionate and with a wide smile, Sister Kate's shares how and what her students are currently learning: "Right now, we are fully virtual, and I am meeting my students in small groups on Google Meets. While it's a bit challenging to launch young kids online, I am working closely with the parents to help every child learn. We also are learning social emotional skills, like what to do when we are stressed or scared. This pandemic has been hard on all of us and teaching them to process their emotions is so important." And the kids exuberantly match Sister Kate's wide smile with 23 of their own.



## A Time to Mend...

Sister Joanne Donovan, St. Louise House, Albany, New York

Sister Joanne Donovan ordinarily is a regular visitor to hospice patients in nursing homes; that is, she was until the pandemic struck. At the request of Community Hospice Albany, Sister Joanne began sewing masks for patients. She continued at her sewing machine with the next request to "make material hearts with candy kisses attached (along with "thank-you notes") to be given to hospital nurses, aides, and nursing home care providers." With so many heroes, Sister Joanne has had no shortage of material hearts to make. At present, she visits hospice patients by phone.



## A Time to Keep...

Sister Judy Warmbold, Marillac St. Vincent, Chicago, Illinois



Sister Judy Warmbold has been unable to continue with her ministry volunteering with homeless women at Deborah's Place, but she continues to serve in several meaningful ways: conducting 8 a.m. health checks for teachers and students at Marillac St. Vincent; calling clients to schedule appointments for social services; and, each Wednesday, providing spiritual direction and counseling with Campus Ministry at DePaul University.

## *A Time to Mourn...*

Sister Ann Sauv , Province Missionary, Beirut, Lebanon

Sister Ann Sauv , Province Missionary, Beirut, Lebanon, following the explosion of Aug. 4, 2020: "Our order's members 'have been busy trying to get funding, not only for our own schools, but for all Catholic-Christian schools in the area,'" said Sister Ann Sauv , a Province Missionary serving in administration at the Daughters' Sacred Heart Hospital in Beirut. Although aware that the COVID-19 lockdown would most likely keep schools from opening in September, Sister Ann and her Sisters on mission in Beirut held on to a glimmer of hope that schools would be able to open their doors soon. But the additional challenges facing the citizens with the destruction of the city from the explosion and the global pandemic resulted in a desperate situation for its peoples survival: "Economic activity has disappeared; funding is needed for repairs; and in raising the 50% of this life-loving population who are living at the poverty level to one that offers hope for their future—especially the children who must continue to be educated and provided the technical resources to learn. Sister Sophie Khosrovian, who died from her injuries suffered in the explosion, served as a teacher at the Daughters' Immaculate Conception School at the time of the explosion.



## *A Time to Sew...*

Sister Mary Powers, Little Rock, Arkansas

Sister Mary Powers shows off one of the many masks she made for health care workers treating COVID-19 patients. The need, especially in the beginning, was so great – and so very much appreciated.



## *A Time to Heal...*

Sister Cecillia Tsao, Perry Family Health Center, Washington, D.C.

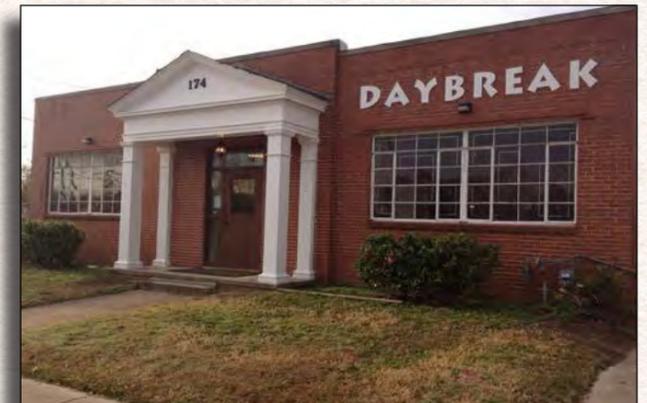
Sister Cecillia Tsao, Perry Family Health Center, Washington, D.C., serves as a doctor at the outpatient clinic managed by Providence Health Services. Formerly a primary care physician in rural communities in Arkansas, Sister has served at the Center since February 2019. Sister Cecillia explains that only occasionally does she dress in full PPE when seeing a patient with symptoms suspicious for coronavirus infection. Sister explains most of the time, the clinic manages these patients by virtual visits if they have mild symptoms or by referral to a hospital if they need more care.



## *A Time to Love...*

Sister Theresa Sullivan, Depaul Daybreak, Macon, Georgia

Sister Theresa Sullivan, Depaul Daybreak, Macon, relates that Daybreak, a national organization that provides everything from financial assistance to showers to food and clothing for those without homes and the less fortunate, has shortened its hours since lockdown but not its doors and familial care. Daybreak Director Sister Theresa shares what a typical day is now like: "Open Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. -11 a.m., and 12 p.m.- 4 p.m., the hour break allows for clean-up and a reset, and those who come here are not clients or customers but our brothers and sisters." While their health clinic services have slowed somewhat during COVID-19, those who come to Daybreak can still get their temperatures checked, masks, and hand sanitizer. "Daybreak is here to help, whether a brother or sister is from Macon or not, a Catholic or not, it doesn't matter." Recently, seven grocery bags of donations lay at the front desk. "Every time we need something, someone from Macon drops it off," said Sister Theresa. And she smiles.



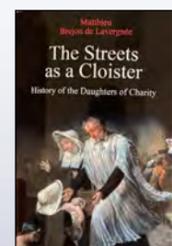
*And a Time to Enjoy the Good of all [our] Labor;  
it is the gift of God...  
He has made everything beautiful in His time.*

# Province News

St. Vincent Early Learning Center in Evansville, Indiana, a sponsored ministry of the Province, was recently awarded a \$40,000 grant from Early Learning Indiana as part of the \$15 million Come Back Stronger Fund, supported by the Lilly Endowment to reinforce Indiana's supply of high-quality early learning opportunities, especially for the state's most vulnerable children. The Center also earned accreditation from the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest organization working on behalf of young children. You can read more about St. Vincent Early Learning Center online at: [www.stvincentearlylearningcenter.org](http://www.stvincentearlylearningcenter.org)



Sister Kathleen Appler, former Superioress General of the Daughters of Charity around the world, died March 18, 2020, following a long and courageous battle with cancer. A native of Utica, N.Y., Sister Kathleen was elected Superioress General at the General Assembly of the Daughters on May 25, 2015. She was the first American and only the second non-French Daughter to be elected Superioress General. In August 2019, she was named to the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life by Pope Francis. At that time, the Holy Father named six superiors of women's religious orders, a consecrated laywoman, and the superior of the De La Salle Christian Brothers to be full members of the congregation. Previously, the members had all been men. Sister Kathleen was buried in Paris, France. Sister Françoise Petit was installed as her successor.



The Streets as a Cloister, Volume I of the history of the Daughters of Charity by Matthieu Brejon de Lavergnée, was published in October. A very academic look at the earliest history of the Daughters of Charity, the book is available for purchase for \$60 (cost of the book and shipping). Please contact Nancy Katich at [nancy.katich@doc.org](mailto:nancy.katich@doc.org) to purchase. Checks should be made payable to Daughters of Charity Ministries, Inc., and sent to Ms. Katich, 4330 Olive Street, Saint Louis MO 63108-2622. Volume II of the History is expected to be printed and available by summer 2021.

Sister Theresa Sullivan, Executive Director of Daybreak, was honored in Macon, Ga., by the New Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church during their 2020 celebration of Black History Month with its Samaritan Award for all she and the volunteers and staff members at Daybreak do for their homeless brothers and sisters.



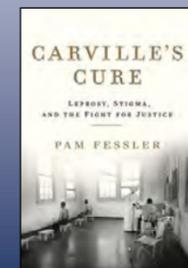
Danielle Salgado, Esq., was appointed Executive Director of the Province's sponsored ministry Proyecto Juan Diego in Brownsville, Texas. Ms. Salgado succeeds Sister Phyllis Peters, Founder and long-time Executive Director of PJD. Ms. Salgado joins PJD with more than 15 years of experience, primarily with Spanish-speaking, immigrant communities. A graduate of Fordham University School of Law, New York, N.Y., Ms. Salgado explains she has always approached her career in a community-centered manner. Most recently she served as a Deputy Program Director for the Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights where she oversaw three offices (Harlingen, San Antonio, and Los Angeles). Previous to that, she served as a managing attorney for STEPS to End Family Violence, a Division of Edwin Gould Services for Children & Families, New York. In addition to her law degree, Ms. Salgado holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History with a minor in Spanish from the University of Texas, San Antonio. A Harlingen resident, Ms. Salgado explains, "as a bilingual/bi-cultural Latina attorney, I have worked to ensure the privileges I have been afforded by my education and the Catholic values instilled in me to serve my community."

Valerie Bostick is the new Executive Director of St. Vincent Early Learning Center, Evansville, Ind. Ms. Bostick has served as the Assistant Head of Schools at Gulliver Schools in Miami, Florida. She comes to the Early Learning Center, sponsored by the Province of St. Louis, with more than 20 years of educational administration experience. No stranger to Evansville, she served as the Founding Director of Early Childhood Education for Evansville Vanderburgh School Cooperation; the Project Director of "Safe Schools Healthy Students" Federal Grant Initiative for the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation; the Project Coordinator of a Federal Grant to Reduce Alcohol Abuse (Middle/High School Levels) for the Evansville Vanderburgh School Cooperation; and as the Head of the Primary School Division at Evansville Day School. Ms. Bostick holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and History from Indiana University, a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from National Louis University, and Certifications from Brown University and Cornell University. A member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, she is a co-author of two academic publications and frequent presenter on learning and education.



October 22, the Ladies of Charity invited all on the Emmitsburg Campus to join them at the blessing of the newly-installed "Blessing Box," located outside the entrance to the Basilica. The purpose of the Blessing Box is to bring hope to those in need—one blessing at a time. The Blessing Box is a non-perishable food and essentials box for the local community and visitors when they need food and essentials the most. It is open 24/7 and all are encouraged to place a blessing item inside the box. Needs are increasing during this time of insecurity and food uncertainty. The Vincentian Marian Youth at Mother Seton School have adopted the box as their year-long project and will be collecting items; so, too the Emmitsburg Cares Facebook group members have pledged their support. The Box had been a vision of the local Ladies of Charity for two years; now it has come to completion!

Carville's Cure, Leprosy, Stigma, and the Fight for Justice, authored by Pam Fessler, NPR correspondent, was published this past spring. The author shares the history of the Center's development and insights into some of the most difficult challenges the Daughters who served there faced on behalf of the patients. She also spends time revisiting the lives of many who called the Center in Carville, Louisiana, home.



## Update from Sister Mary Felice, D.C, M.D., Serving in Lukolela, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Sister Mary Felice has served in Africa for 15 years. She recently wrote to share news of all taking place in her area of the DRV. "Early in November, we made a day's journey on the river to arrive at our Provincial House in Mbandaka..."



"...for a retreat and our Provincial Assembly."

We left behind the construction of our building with 4 isolation rooms and rooms for 6 patients with psychiatric illness, which is in the finishing stages!

"Before leaving we received the shipment of 30 quality mattresses, which were purchased with \$1000 of your donations! We are awaiting the arrival of a quality plastic to cover them with, before starting to use them."



We have other good news to share. Over a year ago we applied for a grant to the Italian Bishops Conference to put quality solar power throughout the hospital and we were recently informed that it was accepted! The sun sets at 6p.m. each evening, thus this will greatly improve the service we

are able to provide. Besides providing good lighting it will enable us to power the microscopes in the lab 24 hours a day, an oxygen concentrator, an automatic monitor, our ultrasound machine, a refrigerator used for certain medications and reagents, etc.

We are well aware that these are very challenging times in the world, and that many are suffering. Today is All Saints Day, and we ask their intercession for the problems in the world and for you and your families. We sincerely thank you for your continued support." Read more about the Daughters' ministries in the DRC here. [www.congoriverjourney.org](http://www.congoriverjourney.org)



## News from the Vocation Office

Vocation efforts for Daughters of Charity in the United States and Canada are an Interprovincial effort led by three Daughters of Charity—Sisters Regina Hlavac and Sister Jean Rhoads from the Province of St. Louise and Sister Lisa Laguna from the Province of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Sister Regina is based in San Antonio, Texas; Sister Jean in Philadelphia, Penn.; and Sister Lisa Laguna in Los Altos Hills, Calif.

COVID-19 has made in-person retreats and gatherings difficult for women discerning a vocation as a Daughter of Charity. But, online meetings and offerings have helped to fill that gap. And, during 2020, the Vocation Office launched its new website: [www.daughters-of-charity.com](http://www.daughters-of-charity.com). There, one can find information about the Daughters' history, vocation stories, contact information, and much, much more.

The Daughters also host a biweekly podcast, In the Company of Charity. Now in its third season, the Sister hosts—Sisters Elizabeth Greim and Liz Sjoberg—share conversations with a multitude of guests about a wide range of topics. Recent podcasts include "Worship Through Song" and "God's Divine Providence." Search your app store for Daughters of Charity Vocations, available for iPhones and smartphones or online at [www.subsplash.com/daughtersofcharity/media/ms](http://www.subsplash.com/daughtersofcharity/media/ms).



# In Memory

We remember the 18 Daughters of Charity who, in recent months, have gone to their Eternal Home.

*"Remain faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life."* Revelation 2:10



Sister Geraldine Simonds  
January 5, 1923  
February 17, 2020  
77 years vocation  
Teacher, Parish and Health  
Minister, Pastoral Care Volunteer



Sister Nannette Gentile  
September 10, 1933  
February 17, 2020  
68 years vocation  
Professor, Visitatrix, Vice  
President  
of Mission, Board Member



Sister Joan McDermott  
April 22, 1936  
February 19, 2020  
65 years vocation  
Teacher, Principal, Medical  
Records Clerk, Pastoral Care  
Associate, Librarian



Sister Rosella Molitor  
February 6, 1925  
May 4, 2020  
62 years vocation  
Bookkeeper, Social Worker,  
Pastoral Minister, Local  
Community Superior



Sister Jean Juliano  
April 21, 1931  
May 28, 2020  
67 years vocation  
Teacher, Principal, Elderly  
Outreach Worker, Hispanic  
Minister, Adult ESL Teacher



Sister Annette LeDuc  
December 28, 1923  
May 29, 2020  
61 years vocation  
Accountant, Portress, Director of  
Purchases, Secretary, Volunteer



Sister Kathleen Appler  
February 23, 1952  
March 18, 2020  
47 years vocation  
Superioress General of the  
Daughters of Charity, General  
Councillor, Visitatrix, Provincial  
Councillor



Sister Mary Virginia Clark  
April 3, 1926  
March 27, 2020  
72 years vocation  
Teacher and Principal, Manager,  
Executive Director, Founder,  
Spiritual Counselor



Sister Maria Cincotta  
April 5, 1931  
March 31, 2020  
65 years vocation  
Secondary Teacher, Outreach  
Worker, Pastoral Care Associate,  
Work Study Program Coordinator



Sister Mary Theresa Fox  
September 27, 1928  
June 5, 2020  
71 years vocation  
Nursing Supervisor, Nurse  
Practitioner, Educator, Local  
Community Superior



Sister Louise Scheessele  
August 16, 1923  
June 25, 2020  
75 years vocation  
Nursing Director and Instructor,  
CEO, Docent



Sister Mary Grace O'Neil  
September 2, 1932  
October 28, 2020  
68 years vocation  
Nurse, Nurse Educator



Sister Mary Gerald  
McCloskey  
July 14, 1934  
April 1, 2020  
66 years vocation  
Teacher, Missionary in Bolivia



Sister Louise Roseman  
June 20, 1923  
April 2, 2020  
74 years vocation  
Educator, Principal, Counselor,  
Local Community Superior,  
Provincial Secretary, Parish  
Minister



Sister Rita Bozel  
September 9, 1927  
April 7, 2020  
74 years vocation  
Math and Computer Teacher,  
Alumnae Moderator, Bookkeeper



Sister Bernadette Forquer  
February 1, 1933  
November 29, 2020  
68 years vocation  
Elementary Teacher, Pre-School  
Nurse, Receptionist, Driver,  
Outreach Worker, Hospitality  
Coordinator



Sister Mary Walter Boyle  
March 2, 1928  
December 4, 2020  
70 years vocation  
Psychiatric Nurse, Hospital  
Administrator and Board  
Member, Local Community  
Superior



Sister Mary Madeleine  
Drennan  
September 23, 1927  
December 4, 2020  
72 years vocation  
Elementary Teacher, Day Care  
Worker, Food Manager



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## Sisters Bella Davila and Carissa Kulpa Incorporated; Sister Kate McFall Sent on Mission

On August 2, Sister Bella Davila and Sister Carissa Kulpa were incorporated into the Company of the Daughters of Charity during a Mass held at the Provincial House. They officially became known as "Seminary Sisters" and have entered the Interprovincial Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. September 2, Sister Kate McFall was sent on her first mission to St. Peter Claver in Macon, Georgia. There, Sister Kate teaches Kindergarten—sometimes in person and sometimes virtually!

