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Sisters of Holy Cross Newsletter

FALL 2016

AN APPOINTED TIME FOR EVERYTHING

By Sr. Catherine Porier, CSC

Yes, there is indeed, "An appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens, a time to plant (1889) and a time to uproot the plant (2016) Ecc.3

The Sisters of Holy cross of the U.S. Region, having served for 127 years at Holy Angels Parish, St. Albans, Vt, are called to bring closure to their long time dedication. Having answered to the needs of the parish in the areas of education and pastoral support, the painful decision was made to surrender the mission of Liberation through Education by empowering many parishioners to take over the various tasks assigned to them by Rev. Maurice Roy, pastor of Holy Angels Church.



On June 19, in order to recognize our Congregation, and in particular the two retiring sisters, Lucille Dutilly and Patricia St.Hilaire, the devoted Pastor and the Parish Community organized a memorable gathering with a Mass of Thanksgiving to honor the event which carried many emotions. Present were: Bishop Coyne of the Diocese of Burlington, VT, a visiting Bishop of South Africa, the Pastor, Fr. Maurice Roy, Msgr. Reid Mayo, of Barry, VT, and a delegation of priests and Sisters of Holy Cross from NH. The packed Church of parishioners and of former students was a testimony of the appreciation of the long years of service.

Bishop Coyne made reference to the fact that Sisters Lucille and Patricia served with "sacrificial love": that of giving themselves, touching the lives of many children through teaching and reaching out to the parish community with their prayerful presence, sharing their talents and devoting themselves untiringly with love in innumerable services. He added that though the departure of the sisters creates a void in the parish, trust in

Fr. Roy's seasoned abilities and dedication of the parishioners will come to the fore.

Hearts were moved as the choir offered a special composition which perfectly reflected the sentiments of the parish; "We will miss you here". The gathering that followed at the parish hall restated the appreciation of the past. We salute the Ladies of St. Anne who organized the outstanding and magnificent banquet, which proved again the wonderful spirit at Holy Angels.

It was indeed painful for the Sisters who were leaving to accept so much attention after living such a humble and happy presence for many years in St. Albans. Others, who served long ago, though saddened, placed their trust in new beginnings!

Holy Cross will continue to love you and pray for you. .

In Loving Memory

Sister Florence Pelletier, CSC

(Sister Thomas of Canterbury)

April 20, 1920—February 9, 2016



Sr. Florence was born in New Bedford, MA, and entered the Sisters of Holy Cross in 1942. She taught in elementary schools in Springfield, MA, Rochester, Nashua and Manchester, NH. Sister also taught High School at St. Anthony and Trinity High in Manchester. She was a dedicated and prayerful religious of Holy Cross for 73 years. Sister will long be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor and her love for life expressed through her many jokes and songs. Sister retired at St. George Manor in 2005.

Sister Margaret Mary Seguin, CSC

(Sister Marguerita)

July 21, 1925—March 9, 2016



Sr. Margaret Mary was born in Burlington, VT and entered the Sisters of Holy Cross in 1945. She taught kindergarten through High School in Vermont, New Hampshire, Clayton, NY and Smithers, British Columbia. She also served our community at St. George Manor and Sacred Heart in West Franklin, NH. Sr. Margaret Mary was a dedicated and prayerful Sister for 70 years. She will be fondly remembered for her beautiful smile that lit up a room. She also had a great love for children, and was known to have a deep devotion to our Blessed Mother.

Sister Yvonne Richard, CSC

(Sister Edmond Martyr)

November 2, 1913—April 24, 2016



Sr. Yvonne was born in Canada and entered the Sisters of Holy Cross in 1932. She taught in elementary schools in New Bedford, MA, Somersworth, Rollinsford, Manchester, and Nashua, NH. Later in her life she was a dietician at Infant Jesus Convent, Nashua. She retired at St. George Manor in 2002. She will be remembered as a creative and loving teacher. Sr. Yvonne was a beautiful, quiet and kind person who was a joy to live with. She could never thank you enough for the least little thing done for her. Sister had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother and during her illness she always fingered her Rosary.

**These women lived and loved in God. . . God lived and loved in them,
And in death they live on in God**

HOLY CROSS ASSOCIATES-RETREAT/RECOMMITMENT

May 7, 2016

By Muriel McGraw, HCA

During the lovely month of May our Holy Cross Associates gathered for their Retreat and Recommitment. The content flowed from Pope Francis' Encyclical—Laudato Si. The Latin title translates to "Praise be to you" and is an invitation to praise God and all of His creation. The Presenter of the day was our own Sr. Denise Turcotte who has long been sensitive to the wonders of God's creation.



The opportunity to be led into prayer, reflection and sharing about Mother Earth was so enriching. As we pondered the content of the presentations, we also realized that the wonders of nature are both gifts and responsibilities. . . ours to care for!

After a period of reflection and sharing on the Encyclical, we had a better understanding of our need to protect the earth. This is our responsibility. . . not an option.



The day ended with our Re-Commitment Ceremony through which we promised to live our baptismal promises more intensely through sharing in the spirit, charism

and mission of the Congregation of the Sisters of Holy Cross and of its founder, Blessed Basile Moreau. The final touching moment found us with our flickering candles and joined voices inviting us to "Go light our World."

In our hearts we knew that this day brought us closer to one another, to Holy cross, and to Mother Earth!

* A special thank you to the presenter Sr. Denise Turcotte and our team Lorraine Richard, HCA, Sr. Denise Charest and Sr. Anne Hoffler for organizing such a wonderful spiritual day.

Prayer to St. Peregrine Patron Saint of Cancer Patients

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called the Wonder-Worker because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you.

For many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fiber of our being, and you had recourse to the source of all grace when human power could do no more. You were favored with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction. Please ask of God and our Blessed Mother the cure which we entrust to you.

(Recall the names of the sick for whom you are praying.)

Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God a song of gratitude for His Mercy and Goodness. Amen

UPCOMING EVENT

October 22 "A Sacred Work"

By Nancy Schreck OSF

Sponsored by Berakah

10:00 to 3:30

At Holy Cross Hall, Manchester

THINGS NEEDED FOR FAIR

- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Penny Sale Prizes
- ◆ Gift Certificates
- ◆ Stuffed Animals in good condition
- ◆ Beanie Babies

2016 JUBILARIANS

60th



Sr. Jacqueline Delage, CSC
Gerard of the Cross



Sr. Claudette Gagnon, CSC
Alda



Sr. Pauline Lebel, CSC
Roland of the Trinity

65th



Sr. Evelyn Boucher, CSC
Louis de Toulouse



Sr. Pauline LeBel, CSC
Helen of France



Sr. Yvette Thibault, CSC
Louis des Carmes

70th



Sr. Doris Guerette, CSC
Doris



Sr. Jeannette LeHoullier, CSC
Paul-Raymond



Sr. Frances Lessard, CSC
Rose Frances

75th



Sr. Vivian Pichette, CSC



Sr. Louise Tarpey, CSC
Louise de Marillac



Sr. Lucille Dutilly,
CSC
Jean de Jésus

JUBILEE CELEBRATION

By Sr. Simone Poirier, CSC

It was June 5th, the weather was raw and the rain fell intermittently. We arrived with opened umbrellas and wearing raincoats. But what a glorious surprise awaited us as the doors of the elevator opened to the cafeteria at St. George Manor!!! It was like walking into a beautiful, blooming garden.

The theme for the 2016 jubilee was "FLOWERS". All sorts adorned the cafeteria and an air of celebration permeated the entire room. And, we did just that. . . WE CELEBRATED!!!

Jubilees are for remembering, for reminiscing, for appreciating what was, for being grateful for what is and for looking to the future with hope. What better way of starting a celebration than by gathering around the Eucharistic table? Father Bruce Collard celebrated mass with us and we were blessed with a jewel of a reflection offered by Sr. Sally Ann Howe. Mass was followed by a succulent lunch. . . and beautifully decorated cakes baked by Sr. Therese Labore.



Sr. Sally Ann Howe, CSC

The PowerPoint thoughtfully prepared by Sister Suzanne Levesque, followed. The Jubilarians celebrating 60 years of religious life were represented by the Pansy. The name pansy is derived from the French "Pensée" and symbolizes thoughtfulness and love. Those celebrating 65 years of religious life were represented by the Daisy. "Fresh as a daisy", this flower underscores the theme of cleanliness and purity and symbolizes beauty, family and friends. The five sisters celebrating 70 years were represented by the Lily. Beautiful and regal, the lily is graceful

in stature and symbolizes chastity, purity and piety. Finally our Sister celebrating 75 years of religious life was rep-



resented by the Rose. The rose is a flower of classic beauty symbolizing love and compassion. Each group of sisters was represented by the exact, appropriate flower, wouldn't you think? We left the Manor with hearts warmed by an outstanding celebration!

To you, Jubilarians, our "Companions on the Journey", **CONGRATULATIONS** for a combined **800 years** of faithful and dedicated service to God's people in and through Holy Cross !!! We are proud of you and we love you. God's many blessings upon you !!!



A TRIBUTE TO HOLY CROSS

By Sr. Doris Gagnon, CSC

On Thursday, May 19, 2016, Saint Anselm College sponsored a luncheon to thank Sister Irene Ricard, CSC, and Sister Frances Lessard, CSC, for their years of service at the College. They were recognized as outstanding educators, women of wisdom and compassion who had a great influence on the lives of their students. Both have recently retired from their teaching careers.



Sr. Irene Ricard, CSC Sr. Frances Lessard, CSC

At this same luncheon, we learned that a new building on the campus of St. Anselm College is being named **Holy Cross Hall** to honor all the Sisters of Holy Cross on our 175th Jubilee Year of the founding of the women's branch of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

When Notre Dame College closed, some of the sisters who ministered at that institute applied for positions at Saint Anselm. This event honored them as well. Thus, the Holy Cross legacy lives on at "St. A's". They are Sisters Pauline Lucier, who ministered in the Office of Campus Ministry until she succumbed to a long battle with cancer in 2009; Anne Hoffer who worked in the campus bookstore; Judith Langevin, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Enrollment Management; and Diane Dupere, Administrative Assistant in the Office of Admission. Dr. Alicia Finn, Holy Cross Companion, is currently serving the student population at Saint Anselm as Dean of Students.

The College also wanted to show its gratitude for all Sisters of Holy Cross who contributed to higher education throughout the state of New Hampshire.

Below is the plaque that will be displayed at the entrance of Holy Cross Hall acknowledging our contribution. We are hoping to replace the crucifix shown on the table with a wooden replica of our own Holy Cross emblem.



Abbot and Chancellor Mark Cooper, OSB,
Sr. Doris Gagnon, CSC, Steven DiSalvo, PHD., President

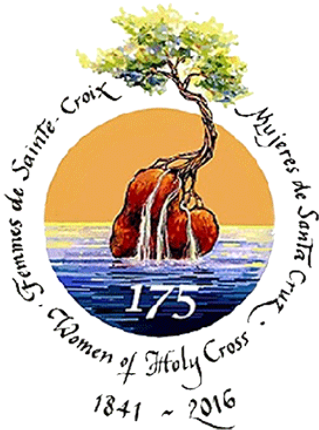


Mass is celebrated on the 26th of each month for you, our benefactors, by our Chaplain, Father Bruce Collard.

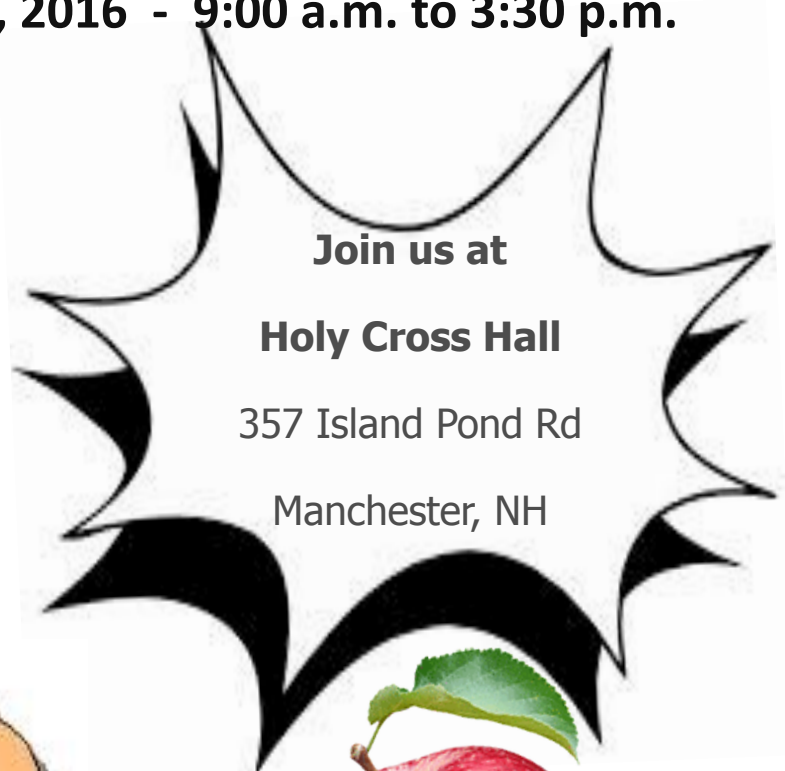


Holy Cross Fair

Saturday, October 15, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Come and join us at the Fair.
It's our Congregation's 175th
Anniversary.



Join us at
Holy Cross Hall
357 Island Pond Rd
Manchester, NH



You can help make the Fair a great success by participating in our **RAFFLE**. Just fill in the sample ticket below and the sisters will be happy to write out the appropriate number of chances for you. **(If you can enclose "return address labels" they will be doubly pleased!)**

Kindly insert your check (**payable to Sisters of Holy Cross**) in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your support. **(We do not mail back the stubs, your tickets are placed in a large rotating drum for drawing)**

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| Name _____ Address _____ _____ Phone: _____ |  <p>To Benefit the Sisters of Holy Cross</p> 1st Prize \$500 2nd Prize \$200 3rd Prize \$200 4th Prize \$100 Drawing Saturday, October 15, 2016 \$1.00 per ticket - 6 for \$5 |



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Memorials

Why Not . . .

Send a donation to the Development Fund in memory of a loved one who has been called home to God? Put a notice in the paper suggesting that friends of the deceased do the same. Your loved one will be included in the daily prayers of The Sisters of Holy Cross.

Memorial Donations

Given in Memory of:

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