

# TEL-A-CROSS



Sisters of Holy Cross Newsletter

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## *The Pangs of Letting Go*

By Pauline Morneau, CSC



Yes, it is sadly that the Sisters of Holy Cross are saying good bye and thank you for the many years of love, joy, and challenges. On July 31, 2017 we left Infant Jesus Parish in Nashua, NH, where we served for 197 years (1910—2017).

The History of our stay is extraordinary! As we reminisce, we recall stepping into the 1910 building to greet 235 students. Two sisters of Holy Cross resided at the convent at St. Louis-de-Gonzague and walked back and forth to Holy Infant Jesus for four years. On occasion (most likely in the winter) they traveled by horse and buggy.

In 1914 a convent wing was added to the chapel only to be destroyed by the 1930 fire that took 125 homes and buildings, among them the church and school. A woman generously offered her home to the five sisters and chose to move in with her sister. During these trying times the sisters continued their mission on scattered sites until the new convent was built in 1931. Again in 1955, another fire destroyed the convent. Four years later the present brick building was built and even provided an entrance directly into the school. Providently, the trials and blessings at Infant Jesus Parish brought the community together in prayer, friendship and strength.

Though we mourn our departure from this strong and noble parish, we know that the parishioners understand our own aging and losses of personnel. We pray that Infant Jesus Parish (now known as Blessed John XXIII) will be blessed and remain strong as it was in years past! The Sisters of Holy Cross will be ever grateful for your support, care and love. You remain in our hearts and prayers!

GOD BLESS YOU ONE AND ALL!

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The seeds of kindness that you plant today, will one day bloom in the hearts of all that you touch.

# *In Loving Memory*

Sr. Therese Caron, CSC  
( Sr. Paul Germain,)  
December 14, 1938-April 3, 2017



Sr. Therese was born in Somersworth, NH and entered the Sisters of Holy Cross in 1958. She served the Congregation for 59 years in various capacities: she was a teacher, a dietitian, as licensed nurse and a charge nurse to patients at St. Joseph Residence of the Presentation of Mary Sisters in Manchester, NH. She later served as an outstanding "Visiting Angel" through Visiting Angels Homecare of Auburn. Let it be known that Sr. Therese was always ready to lend a helping hand. She was especially known as our candy maker at our annual fair. We remember her as a woman of faith and prayer who generously reached out to one and all.



Sr. Irene Parenteau, CSC  
(Sr. Mary Amabilis)  
June 19, 1915 April 16, 2017



Sr. Irene was born in Suncook, NH. She entered the Sisters of Holy in 1933 and served the Congregation for 74 years, first as a teacher in the elementary schools of Adams, and New Bedford, MA. She later taught High School in North Grosvenordale, CT, Nashua, NH and Trinity High School in Manchester, NH. Her final teaching assignment was at Notre Dame College in Manchester, where she taught French and enjoyed traveling abroad with her students. Upon retirement, Sr. Irene continued to serve as a very happy "Transport Director"! She will always be remembered for her friendly sense of humor and her fond love of the French language.



Sr. Yvette Keroack, CSC  
(Sr. Mary Yvette of the Cross)  
July 13, 1917 May 8, 2017



Sr. Yvette was born in Manchester, NH and entered the Sisters of Holy Cross in 1942. She served as an elementary grade teacher and principal in the parochial schools of Springfield and New Bedford, MA and in Newmarket, Gonic and Nashua, NH. She was also one of the first to serve as the Director of the Associates of Holy Cross. In her later years she dedicated her time and energy in West Franklin and in Pittsfield, NH and then "retired" at St. George Manor in Manchester. Sr. Yvette will always be remembered as a gentle, prayerful woman who was always ready to offer a helping hand and a wise word.



Sr. Lucienne Martell, CSC  
( Sr. Mary Prosper)  
May 14, 1923 June 3, 2017



Sr. Lucienne was born in Alburg, VT. She entered the Sisters of Holy Cross in 1942 and served the Congregation for 75 years by carrying out culinary duties in convents of Ontario, Canada; Manchester, Franklin and Nashua, NH; Attleboro, MA and St. Albans, VT. Sr. Lucienne had a very special devotion to our Blessed Mother and in Mary she found her strength... She served the teaching and elderly sisters healthy and delicious meals and was always attentive to those who had special needs. We remember her as a woman of deep faith, gentle and ever willing to serve.

# THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE



Sr. Lucille Gravel, CSC  
Sr. Eleanor LaBranche, CSC

May blessings be upon you Sister Eleanor (LaBranche) and Sister Lucille (Gravel) for having completed 6 years of challenging leadership at St. George Manor. Filled with wisdom and faith you were able to fulfill a “labor of resurrection!” Caring for elders in the midst of major renovations in an age-old building was a major chore and you accomplished it with ease! Thank you for keeping our elderly and sick Sisters safe and comfortable throughout these trying years. Despite all the noise, moving and inconvenience, you served to the very end and even managed to prepare the first month calendar for the team that was to follow!

Thank you, Eleanor and Lucille for your service and caring. Our prayers and gratitude are with you. May this time of respite be refreshing and enriching.



## “THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD”



(Seated l.) Sr. Marguerite M. Fortier, Sr. Lorraine Choiniere  
(back l) Sr. Claire Coll, Sr. Marie Jalbert, Sr. Elaine Theoret

The time had come to appoint new leadership at St. George manor. Nominations in religious communities are accomplished through heedful listening, quiet faith, trust and contemplative discernment.

So it is that five sisters were asked to supervise Holy Cross Health Center and St. George Manor. They are Sisters Lorraine Choiniere, Marguerite Marie Fortier, Elaine Theoret, Marie Jalbert, and Claire Coll. They have begun their new ministry. May they now continue to make their home a place of welcome, love, and compassion.

You can count on our love and support!

God Bless you all!

# 2017 JUBILARIANS

25<sup>th</sup>



Sr. Ann Conroy, CSC

50<sup>th</sup>



Sr. Theresa Malouin, CSC



Sr. Elaine Poitras, CSC

60<sup>th</sup>



Sr. Jacqueline Kirouack, CSC  
(Paul-Henri)



Sr. Pauline Lavigne, CSC  
(Pauline-Therese)



Sr. Therese Labore, CSC  
(Veronica of the Savior)



Sr. Cecile Tremblay, CSC  
(Cecile of the Savior)



Sr. Sally Stearns, CSC  
(Andrew Avellino)

65<sup>th</sup>



Sr. Marie-Anne Grenier, CSC  
(Sr. Mary of the Holy Spirit)



Sr. Eleanor, LaBranche, CSC  
(Aimee)



Sr. Jeannette Landreville, CSC  
(Dorothy, martyr)



Sr. Pauline Morneau, CSC  
(Pauline of Jesus)

70<sup>th</sup>



Sr. Lucille Blais, CSC  
(Gerard, martyr)

75<sup>th</sup>



Sr. Georgette Caron, CSC  
(Georgette d'Auvergne)

Theme for this year's Celebration

“SEEDS GATHERED AND SOWN”

DON'T JUDGE EACH DAY  
BY THE HARVEST YOU REAP,  
BUT BY THE SEEDS THAT  
YOU PLANT.



Robert Louis  
Stevenson

# THE MISSION IS ALIVE AND WELL

By Elaine Poitras, CSC

**W**e are delighted to share with you the variety of ways in which the Sisters of Holy Cross continue to serve God and God's people in the 21st Century. While things have changed, particularly in view of our demographics what hasn't changed is our commitment to the mission. We are pleased to introduce you to our mission groups and give you a small taste of what they do.



**The Pastoral Mission Group** is led by Sr. Pauline Lebel. This group takes to heart the Holy Cross thrust to **“Resurrect life where it is most threatened”** and has focused on human trafficking, elder concern, on veterans and on today's immigrants. One example of the group's positive action the members visited and played Bingo with patients at the Veterans' Hospital. This group provided prize money, They also sent a spiritual enrollment to the staff.

**The Rights of Women and Solidarity Mission Group** is led by Sr. Lucille Gravel. The central concern of this group is the exploitation and abuse of women, including human trafficking. An example of positive action is the **Backpack Projects** for which the group purchased and filled backpacks with some essential items needed by homeless or exploited women.

**The Art and Creativity Mission Group** is led by Sr. Therese Auclair. Its members' goal is to employ their **shared creativity for the sake of the mission**. An example of positive action is the preparation of loose-leaf binder filled with art lessons for 2nd graders in Haiti.



**The Justice and Environment Mission Group** is led by Sr. Denise Turcotte. The goal of this group has been **to raise awareness regarding climate change and human assaults on creation**. Among the many initiatives taken one example is the letter writing campaign addressed to our Governor, Representatives, and Senators urging their efforts to stop climate change, to decrease the use of fossil fuels and to transition to renewable energy sources.



**The Development and Protection of Children Mission Group** is led by Sr. Elaine Poitras. This group focuses on **being a voice for the children...the voiceless** and is concerned with issues such as trafficking, bullying, and more. The newest initiative is the development of a Facebook Page (**The Protection and Development of Children**) that serves as a vehicle for speaking for and with the children.



**The Youth and Young Adult Mission Group** is led by Alicia Finn. The purpose of this group has been to **raise awareness about the gifts contributed to society by our youth and young adults as well as about the challenges that confront them.** The members of this group have been a significant presence and support for the young people they serve. Going forward this group will be merged with the children's group described above.

We depend upon and are most grateful for your continued prayerful support as we continue to carry out the mission for the sake of the people of God. We also invite you to become involved in whatever way you can to forward the mission and our initiatives right along with us. Thank you and God bless you!



	<i>Memorial Donations In Memory Of:</i>			
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	Yvonne Richard, CSC	Joyce Smith	Muriel Roy	Ann Orzech
			Noella Goulet, CSC	



**Mass is celebrated on the 26th of each month for you, our benefactors.**

# Holy Cross Fair

Saturday, October 14, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.


Join us at  
Holy Cross Hall  
357 Island Pond Rd  
Manchester, NH  
FREE Admission & Parking

Theme Baskets  
Sisters' Lollipops  
Raffles  
Lucky Draw ♦ Prizes  
Bake Sale  
CRAFTERS  
PENNY SALE &  
MORE . . .



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)**

<p><b>Sisters of Holy Cross Raffle</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p>	<p><b>Raffle</b></p> <p> <b>To Benefit the Sisters of Holy Cross</b></p> <p>1st Prize \$500      2nd Prize \$200 3rd Prize \$200      4th Prize \$100</p> <p><b>Drawing Saturday, October 14, 2017</b></p> <p><b>\$1.00 per ticket - 6 for \$5</b></p>
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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 In Memory Of:*



Robert Saully	Lucienne Martell, CSC	Marcel Chabot
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