

# TEL-A-CROSS

Sisters of Holy Cross Newsletter

Summer/Fall 2018



## OUR NEW GREENSPACE



Sr. Denise Turcotte

Sr. Françoise DeMers

Sr. Pauline Maurier

I will not leave you  
Comfortless  
I will not leave you  
Alone  
I am the air you  
Breathe in  
I'm the light of  
Every star  
And every dawn.

By J Phillips

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**F**or the past few years we have been working very hard to upgrade our age old home, which now is truly a retirement center. The property on both ends of the Manor were sold and new homes have flourished all around us.

This past summer was dedicated to caring for the surrounding of our home. Three of our extraordinary "earth mothers" designed a "green space" where flowers, trees and fresh air could flourish. With the closing of our Pittsfield, NH, facility other treasures were added to the beauty of the Manor (such as a peace pole, gazing ball, swings and benches). We are most grateful to all who have donated to our project. Feel free to come and see... until then, enjoy the photo!

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# *In Loving Memory*

**Sister Lucie Ducas, CSC  
(Suzanne-Therese)  
February 26, 1936 - May 5, 2018**



Sister Lucie was born in Nashua, NH, and early on she made it known that she was destined to be a shining star at St. Louis-de-Gonzague, where she was taught by the Sisters of Holy Cross.

Sister Lucie was totally committed to faith education and loved being an advocate for those in need. Her teaching ministry spanned over 55 years. She taught in MA, NH and CT. In 1983 the Diocese of Manchester awarded her with a certificate of recognition for her dedication as an “outstanding example of professionalism and Christian Service.”

Prior to her illness, she served as pastoral associate for the twinning of St. Mary and St. Peter parishes. She directed a Food Pantry and Clothing distribution for the poor. She helped the people in accepting and supporting their beloved Pastor who had cancer and who died at an early age. She is remembered by all as a Woman of the Church.

She loved and was loved by many. May she rest in God’s Peace.



**Sister Jeannette Le Houllier, CSC  
(Sister Paul-Raymond)  
May 19, 1925 - July 25, 2018**



Sister Jeannette was a native of Somersworth, NH. After experiencing her years of education with the Sisters of Holy Cross, she joined the Congregation and faithfully served for 71 years. She first taught in elementary schools and then moved to teaching High School Business.

Her experience then led her to 14 years as Secretary to the Provincial. Then, after a short stretch in the Archdiocesan Office in Anchorage, Alaska, she dedicated 20 years at Notre Dame College in Manchester, NH. Her final 12 years of service were Secretarial Services in Thonotosassa, FL, an agency under the Sisters of Holy Cross for abused and neglected children.

May her long journey find her at peace in the embrace of her Maker.



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

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## “SISTERS IN THE LIMELIGHT”

**S**ister Pauline Maurier received the **2018 Jacqueline Verville Community Service Award** from the Holy Cross Learning Center. The award, presented by Sr. Jacqueline at the Annual Spaghetti Supper, was followed by a portrayal of Pauline’s dedication, competence and caring that goes beyond her teaching.



**CONGRATULATIONS PAULINE !!**



**S**ister Pauline Plante received the **2018 Micah Award** for her exemplary life of doing justice and mercy while “walking humbly with her God.” This group unites religious, labor, and community groups to address issues and shape decisions that will positively affect the quality of life in our communities. They honor unsung heroes who exemplify the spirit of Micah... “To act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.” Pauline’s service did not begin in 1993 with the founding of the Berakah Program. From the time of her entry in Holy Cross all her ministries drew her to the neediest.

**CONGRATULATIONS PAULINE !!**



**S**ister Jacqueline R. Verville received the 2018 **Granite State Legacy Award** in May 2018. at the close of her long teaching career, Sister Jacqueline launched an undertaking that quickly evolved into **Holy Cross Family Learning Center**. The Center offers English as a Second Language (ESL) civics, sewing and computer classes for the growing immigrant and refugee population of Greater Manchester. Sister Jacqueline and the volunteer staff of teachers have given many refugee families hope for a new day...

**CONGRATULATIONS JACQUELINE!!**



# ***“Families Belong Together”***

## ***Where We Stand...***

Elaine Poitras. CSC

**In** his book entitled, *Rediscover Jesus*,<sup>1</sup> Matthew Kelly writes, “Jesus’ whole attitude toward children was radical.” (p.63) You see, in Jesus’ day, “your value as a child was based in large part on your parentage and on your ability to serve the State. (p.63) Clearly, “all children were not considered equal” (p.63) Being poor, unable to be cared for, disabled, deformed, the wrong gender, or illegitimate often led to their abandonment on dung hills where they would die. (p.63) Imagine how stunned the people were when Jesus taught that we are ALL children of God. All equal in God’s eyes. Imagine their surprise when he said, “Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven”. (Matt 18:1-3) No wonder they seemed confused when Jesus commanded, “Let the little children come to me.” He lifted the children up and affirmed their dignity and that of all people for all time. It is then not surprising that “The earliest followers of Jesus became known for their radical love because they rescued these abandoned children, took them into their homes, and cared for them.” (p.64)



Today, more than 2000 years later, we are witnesses to a 21<sup>st</sup> century expression of a child’s value being based on his/her parentage that includes both ethnicity and socio-economic status. Those of us who recognize the extraordinarily poor, oppressed, and violent living conditions that exist in Central America can better understand how parents can risk traveling hundreds of miles in horrendous conditions to find life and safety for their children. They abandon their homes to rescue their children from being kidnapped and raised as child soldiers, to save them from rape, from slavery, and from murder, to save their childhoods and their lives. What cannot be understood is how they can be victimized again in a country such as ours, families forcibly separated, and children held hostage in an effort to deter other parents from making untold sacrifices to bring their children to a safe environment. Isn’t that what Mary and Joseph did when they took flight and sought asylum in Egypt to escape Herod’s slaughter of all boys in Bethlehem 2 years old and younger in his efforts to murder Jesus”? (Matt 2:13-23)



*Quote from Pope Francis*

***A person's dignity does not depend on them being a citizen, a migrant, or a refugee. Saving the life of someone fleeing war and poverty is an act of HUMANITY.***

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, faithful to the Gospel and to the mission of Holy Cross, the Sisters and Associates once again joined their voices to the voices of those who gathered nationwide and internationally in prayer and at local rallies to proclaim loudly that

***"Families Belong Together."*** Some 35 members gathered in Chapel at St. George Manor in prayerful support of the immigrant children and their families. This powerful and meaningful prayer experience was prepared and led by Sr. Sally Stearns, CSC. Four Sisters, including Sisters Sally Ann Howe CSC, Denise Turcotte, CSC Joann Apicelli, CSC and Mary Schneiders, OP, were able to join the rally in Manchester, NH where Sisters Sally and Denise volunteered their assistance with organizational tasks.



L. Sisters Denise Turcotte, Sally A. Howe, Joann Apicelli, Mary Schneiders, OP

We stand together as followers of Jesus and as Americans with the immigrant families from Central America and with oppressed people of all ages everywhere who ask only to be treated with dignity and respect especially when they risk everything to save their families and, particularly, their children.

We stand on the Gospel and on our own Declaration of Independence because "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men (people) are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" and because we wholeheartedly accept the teaching of Jesus, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my people that you do to ME". (Matt 25:40)

# SUMMER FUN TIME FOR OUR SENIOR SISTERS



## 50's DANCE

L. Sr. Lucille Dutilly  
Enjoying a dance with Sr.  
Marie Jalbert

R. Sr. Rena Gagnon enjoying  
a wheel chair dance with  
Dotty, an employee.



Wheel Chair Dancing

## ART CLASS

Sr. Lucille Blais, CSC

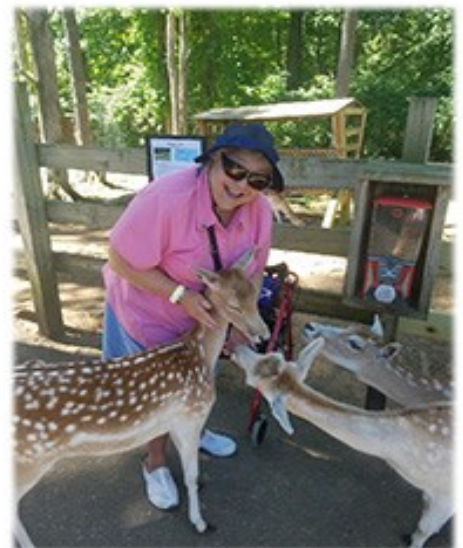


Sisters Jacqueline Verville, Angela Moreau,  
Pauline Lavigne, enjoying the 50's Dance Party.



## DAY AT YORK ANIMAL KINGDOM

Left. Sr. Yvette Thibault enjoying a  
Ferris Wheel ride  
Sr. Rachel Labonville petting the  
fawns.



## DAY AT THE CAMP

Back Sr. Berthe Viens  
Sr. Lucille Medeiros'  
Sr. Pauline LeBel, and Cooper,  
therapy dog for HCHC

# Holy Cross Fair

Saturday, October 13, 2018 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



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




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



LUNCH  
11:00 ON. . .



You can help make the Fair a great success by participating in our **RAFFLE**. Just fill in the sample ticket below and the appropriate number of chances will be written out for you. **(If you can enclose "return address labels" we 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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Address _____	
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Phone _____	
_____	<b>RAFFLE</b>
	<b>To Benefit the Sisters of Holy Cross</b>
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	3rd Prize \$200      4th Prize \$100
	<b>Drawing Saturday, October 13, 2018</b>
	<b>\$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5</b>
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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 sug-  
 gesting 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:*

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