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PHJC ASSOCIATE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Summer 2013

Companions on the Journey – 2013 Recap

By Donna Sikorski, Director of the Associate Community



All in attendance enjoyed Sister Germaine's presentation "Blessed Catherine Kasper — A Woman of the Word."



Sister Germaine gave a wonderful tour of the chapel during which she pointed out many interesting areas of the chapel which often go unnoticed.

It was a wonderful weekend as our candidates, Sisters and Associates all joined together for this year's Companions on the Journey retreat weekend. Friday evening was a mixture of getting to know one another and discussion of the history of the three expressions of the Spiritual Family of Catherine. We ended the evening with a fun story/game written by Sister Virginia about the Sister's arrival at Hessen Cassel in 1868.



Sister Germaine gave us a glimpse of yet another side of Blessed Catherine.

The highlight of Saturday was a wonderful presentation by Sister Germaine Hustedde, PHJC. The presentation, entitled Blessed Catherine Kasper — A Woman of the Word, began with a parallel of Blessed Catherine's journey to that of the Israelites. We

discussed our own faith journeys and how they too had their high and low points. The

low points are our own desert experiences or wilderness experiences, but just as God led the Israelites and Blessed Catherine, he continues to lead us throughout life's ups and downs.

Likening ourselves to Moses, Sister Germaine spoke of how the burning bush ignited a fire within Moses. She explained that the fire of faith that was so much a part of Catherine Kasper is also within each of us. We discussed what helps to keep that fire burning in each of us. For some of us it is a book or an author. Blessed Catherine read and reread The Imitation of Christ by Thomas Kempis. The East Two Region is currently focusing their discussions at meetings each month on a few of the chapters from The Imitation of Christ. Different books and authors touch us more than others. Some favorite authors are Joan Chittister, Macrina Wiederkehr and Joyce Rupp. A discussion of the books some enjoy included Thirty Days to Live by Kerry and Chris Shook, The Shack and The Crossroads both by Paul Young, Take the Plunge by Timothy Radcliffe and Sister Germaine's own book Make Room for God, the Spirituality of Awakening. These are books that

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we often want to read over again because they have had such an impact on our life just as The Imitation of Christ had on Blessed Catherine's life.

Sister Germaine also spoke of the paths we travel throughout our lives and how God desires each of us to travel our own unique path. Catherine's life was both one of journeying and rootedness. Sister Germaine shared that rootedness and journeying are part of the process for discovering one's self in God and God in oneself. Rootedness is foundational, a prerequisite to journeying. Catherine's whole self was rooted in Christ. She had great faith in the belief that wherever God would lead her, he would also be there to help her on that path.



Associate Dave Haycraft shares his gift of song as those gathered celebrate the Mass at the conclusion of this year's Companions on the Journey retreat.



Candidate Clara Coppinger proudly holds her certificate of completion of the retreat. Earlier she shared the many ways the PHJC Sisters had impacted her life since she was a very young child.

God often chooses very unlikely people to do his work on earth. He chose Moses to lead his people from slavery in Egypt, he chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother of God and he chose Blessed Catherine, a rather unlikely person — from a poor family, with little education who was even sickly as a child — to found the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. We were challenged to think about our own lives, perhaps some paths that



From left to right: Associate Margaret Weigley, Candidate Margie Pixey and Associates Bobbie Anderson and Loretta Kania discuss how Sister Germaine's insights relate to their own lives.

were somewhat surprising or unlikely, and yet we felt the hand of God leading us. The theme of Blessed Catherine's life was one of attentiveness to the Spirit and devotion to the will of God. As a part of the Spiritual Family of Catherine we are each called to follow that same Spirit and yet serve in many diverse ways.

Sister Germaine's talk left us all with some new facets of Blessed Catherine to think about and enabled us to relate to her life more closely. We were all very grateful to Sister Germaine for her enlightening words.

Our final session of the day focused on the Core Values. Soon it was time to bless our candidates and we all promised to pray for them during their time of discernment.

The weekend ended with the celebration of the Mass. It was the perfect weekend to ponder our vocations as it was also the weekend the Vatican had set as the 50th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the fourth Sunday of Easter, commonly known as Good Shepherd Sunday. What a wonderful sign of hope for all of us.

Thank you to all who attended and a very special thank you to Sister Germaine for her outstanding presentation, Father John Zemelko for celebrating the Mass and East Three Associate Dave Haycraft for sharing his musical talents with us during the liturgy.



Meet Our Presenter for Gathering XI



Marci Madary

Marci Madary, MA has directed the Associate relationship for the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration since 1997. She facilitates and nurtures the spiritual connection between vowed religious and laity. She served on the North American Conference of Associates and Religious (NACAR) board for nine years, eight as president.

Marci teaches in the religious studies department as an adjunct professor at Viterbo University and has a passion for poetry. She enjoys leading retreats, providing facilitation and offering workshops. Marci is a trained spiritual director and has a Masters of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from St. Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota.

Through stories, metaphors and humor, Marci provides leadership and vision in her workshops, retreats and facilitation. With 20 years of experience in professional ministry coupled with the wisdom gained as a widow and mother of young adults, she invites others to open their perceptions and reconsider assumed paradigms.

On September 28, Marci will bring all of this background and training to our Gathering XI. She will discuss the commonality between Associates and religious as well as the key differences between the distinct vocations. This workshop identifies how Associates and religious share a call to the same charism yet live it according to their own unique lifestyle.

“As I encounter people from all walks of life, I feel graced by the goodness of others. To hear the stories and see God’s loving action in another’s life is both humbling and inspiring. My heart embraces the Creator of a spinning universe in which we are all invited to dance.”

— Marci Madary, Gathering XI Presenter



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ASSOCIATE COMMUNITY 2013 UPCOMING EVENTS

July 13	Summer Core Team Meeting
August 6	Deadline for articles to the Associate Office for the Fall issue of <i>Associating News</i>
September 28	Gathering XI and 30th Anniversary Celebration
October 13	Celebration of the 90th Anniversary of The Center at Donaldson
November 9	Fall Core Team Meeting

A PHJC's Life – An Inspiration for the Quincy Associates

By Mary Griffith-Schoenekase, Quincy Associate



Sister Florence was interviewed on the WTAD radio station prior to her leaving Quincy by Associate Mary Griffith-Schoenekase. She is pictured here with Mary and other friends who were present for that interview.

December 7, 1941, is called a day that will live in infamy because of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. December 7, 1941 will also be remembered as the day Florence Kuhn left her home in Quincy, Illinois to arrive at the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Motherhouse in Donaldson, Indiana. On a day when great evil precipitated the United States' involvement in World War II, great good in the form of a teenage girl willing to devote her life to Christ also took hold.

The testament to the good life lived by Sister Florence Kuhn came in an outpouring from the Quincy community at her recent retirement party. More than 300 well-wishers streamed through the reception line at St. Vincent's Home where Sister Florence had worked for the past 22 years. Sister Florence, now 89 years young, took time to greet each guest personally and to share stories.

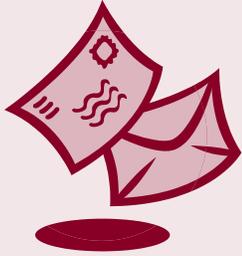
During the last leg of her career, Sister Florence became the comforting arms of Jesus Christ to all the nursing home residents facing death. She was always at their bedside in the last hours, praying for them and with their families. No one ever had to die alone. What a gift God gave Sister Florence to strengthen her for that ministry. She was the embodiment of the Holy Spirit as she hustled through the halls of

St. Vincent's, cheering up those recovering from surgeries or strokes, encouraging patients struggling with physical therapy, sparking laughter with her brainteaser questions and games. She was older than many of the residents she served. She inspired them.

Sister Florence touched thousands of lives in Quincy. She ended her career here just two blocks away from her childhood home. Each person she met could tell a wonderful story about this little fireball of a nun. I will share two personal moments.

Sister Florence exudes charisma, or more precisely the charism of Catherine Kasper. At one of our earliest meetings, when I was getting to know the Quincy Associate Community, Sister Florence handed me a book called the "Penniless Millionaire." A few months later, she gave me a series of small books recounting the good works of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. She evangelized me with words and with actions. I wanted to be like her. In February, some Quincy Associates took Sister Florence out for a farewell dinner. While at the busy restaurant, a woman in her forties timidly approached our table. "Are you Sister Florence?" she said, her voice filled with awe. Sister Florence drew the woman to her side. The woman continued, "You took care of my mother at St. Vincent's. You were there in her last hours and prayed with our family. I just wanted to say thank you again for being there for mom and for all of us." Sister Florence accepted the thanks with humility. I cried at the beauty of the moment. Right there and then, I saw Jesus Christ.

The Associates and indeed the entire Quincy community will miss Sister Florence. But her light will continue to shine in the eyes of those who saw Jesus through her. December 7, 1941 is a day that changed the world.



Letters from You

Thank you for your prayers! We hear back from many following the prayer requests we send out from the Associate office — here are some thanks that I want to pass on to all of you!

— Donna

Dear Sisters, Associates and Fiat Spiritus
Community members,

Thank you for prayers for my niece, Beth. Her new baby daughter, Hadley Diane, is beautiful! She was a month premature, but still weighed six pounds. I got to see her over Mother's Day. Beth is doing pretty well, but now there is some problem with her liver. We would appreciate further prayers.

Thanks,
Sister Marybeth

My mother, Martha, and my family thank you for your continued prayers and support as Mom recovers from her total revision on her knee replacement and rod. Everything went very well Tuesday. She should return home in three to five days and continue her therapy at St. Catherine's in East Chicago. Right now the doctors are watching the atrial fibrillation and trying to control it with medicine. Your care and concern are a blessing to all of us!

Gratefully,
Sister Connie

We wish to extend our thanks to the Sisters, Associates and Fiat Spiritus Community for their thoughts, prayers, love and support throughout the past six months that Mom has struggled. The outpouring of love from everyone in the form of cards and emails is a tremendous support to us and we are truly humbled.

Blessings,

Jim and Marge Bickett
East Two Associates

East Three Associate Christina Converset would like to thank all for the prayers on behalf of her friend Jason whose wife along with their four children were involved in the car accident last month. Their daughter Jannette (age 11) has a long road ahead of her, but she is doing school work at home and has come a long way. Her parents and the other children are all doing well. Many thanks.

East Two Associates Joe and Betty Chamberlin want to thank all for the prayers for their daughter's father-in-law, Jerry. His heart surgery was successful and he is now recuperating at home.

East Three Associate Peg Kennedy thanks everyone for the prayers for her brother Marty — his surgery went well and he is returning home. Please continue praying for a successful recovery.

Aloha!

Adaira's surgery went well. The doctor thinks it was a cyst, but needs a toxicology report to be sure. Thank everyone for their prayers, please!

Mary Ann Kemp, North Associate

On behalf of the entire Bach family, I thank you for the past year and a half of support following the loss of my cousin Billy and his wife Sandy's then 19 year old daughter, Amanda.

Amanda's killer was found guilty last Tuesday. He will be sentenced on March 28 at 2:00 p.m. with the possibility of 45-65 years in prison.

The decision by the jury certainly gave my family some relief, but now the real work of healing begins. We certainly also realize that two families have been destroyed by this terrible tragedy.

Gratefully,
Sister Connie and the Bach family

God hears and answers our prayers. Many thanks for all the prayers you send to support the Spiritual Family of Catherine, our families and friends — we know prayer works miracles!

Blessings,
Donna

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Did you know?

Fun Facts About Associates

Fun Fact #1



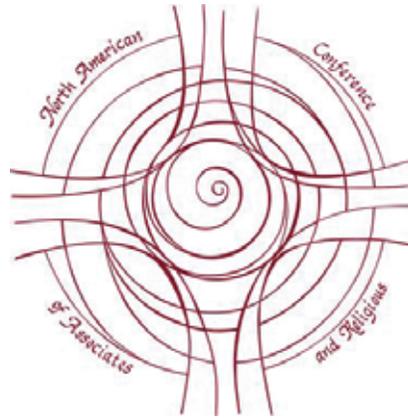
In Blessed Catherine Kasper's biography entitled With Attentive Ear and Courageous Heart by Reverend George T. Meagher, CSC it is written: "The new regulations (February 1850) applied fully only to the bonafide members of the proposed religious society; they did not abolish the former semi-religious Association of Charity.

Persons who desired to participate in the charitable work of the newly-formed society could be affiliated with it as tertiaries or associate members. These latter were to follow the statutes only insofar as their station in life permitted" What a visionary Blessed Catherine was when she envisioned our Associate Community!

These Associates (Association of Charity) continued with the Poor Handmaids throughout the formative first years of the congregation in Germany. More than a hundred years later in the U.S. another such movement began to develop another such relationship. In May of 1977 the American Province of the congregation adopted a resolution stating that "The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ study the possibility of admitting lay persons to an Associate role relating them to the congregation for the purpose of spiritual benefits to them."

On July 30, 1982 the Provincial Chapter passed the proposal that initiated the Associate Program. The first ten Associates joined the program on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1983. This year we will be celebrating our 30th anniversary as a part of the Gathering on September 28. We currently have several of those who became Associates that first year among our present Associates. They are Pauline Fraiser, Esther Gherna, Betty Lee McDonnell, Ann Powen, John Powen, Charlotte Skiba, Emily Tumas, Dorothy Weber and Selma Wuebbels!

Fun Fact #2



Several years ago leaders of many Associate groups reached out to Associate groups of other religious communities, both to share how the Spirit was moving with them, and to begin addressing mutual concerns. Eventually, the need

to have an even wider forum developed and thus, in 1996 the North American Conference of Associates and Religious (NACAR) was created. As stated in their vision statement, NACAR members strive to be true to their founding charisms and "broaden and deepen their understanding of the Associate-Religious relationship by: joining our collective wisdom in service of God and one another, affirming that the call to Association and Professed Life are distinct and complementary vocations, identifying trends and growing edges of the Associate-Religious relationship and proclaiming the unique gifts of the Associate-Religious relationship."

In addition to NACAR, the PHJC Associate Community is also a member of two regional Associate leadership organizations. Tri-State Conference of Associate Leadership is a regional group of NACAR which supports Associate Leaders in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. Midwest Kindred Spirits was formed by a group which first gathered in 1984. It serves and supports Associate communities throughout the Midwest including Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan and Indiana. In joining together with these other Associate communities we can assist as well as challenge each other as we continue to grow and develop.

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Fun Fact #3

There are now over 50,000 Associates in the United States. That is a big jump from a 2000 survey which reported 24,500. Most Associate communities are connected to congregations of Sisters. Congregations have various names for their Associates such as co-members, consociates, affiliates or co-journeers. Many more men are joining and many younger people are joining the Associate movement.

Is there someone you know who might be interested in deepening their faith through learning more about our Associate Community? Perhaps you have a family member, friend, co-worker or someone you know from a faith sharing group who you notice already lives some of our core values. If you do, please talk to them about our Associate Community

and what it means to you to be an Associate. If they show interest, send their name and contact information to the Associate Office. We will be happy to mail more information to them. We are committed to following the mission and charism of Blessed Catherine Kasper. As part of that commitment we should also spread her charism.



The Associate Community is 30 years old!

Along with Gathering XI on September 28 this year, we will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of our Associate Community! What a transformation the Associate Community has undergone from its beginning in 1983! In addition to our community we will also be, for the first time, celebrating the 30th anniversary of several of our Associates. These amazing Associates have seen much growth and change over the years they have been Associates, but through it all they have remained committed to the charism that brought them to our community, the beautiful charism of Catherine!

Celebrating 30 Years

Pauline Fraiser	East Three
Esther Gherna	South Region
Betty Lee McDonnell	South Region
Ann Powen	North Region
John Powen	North Region
Charlotte Skiba	East Three
Emily Tumas	North Region
Dorothy Weber	East Three
Selma Wuebbels	South Region

Celebrating 25 Years

Mary Ann Kemp	North Region
Gwen Walters	North Region
Cindy Wiatrak	North Region

Celebrating 20 Years

Marie Jacobs	North Region
Florence Rafac	North Region

Celebrating 15 Years

Joan Blake	North Region
Sue Esher	East Two
Carolyn Stupasky	Quincy
Grace Veliz	West Region

Celebrating 10 Years

Mary Jane Boyle	North Region
Jean Ehlert	North Region
Rose Gibson	East One

Celebrating 5 Years

Jim Bickett	East Two
Marge Bickett	East Two
Carolyn Meredith	East Three

Please consider attending our Gathering and 30th Anniversary Celebration! We have something wonderful to celebrate!

In Memory of Our Sisters and Associates



**Sister Judian
Breitenbach, PHJC**

Sister Judian Breitenbach, PHJC, 82, died March 7, 2013 at the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Indiana. She was born Mary Gertrude Breitenbach to Aloysius John and Augusta Catherine (Daniel) Breitenbach in LaPorte, Indiana.

In 1950 she entered the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ congregation in Donaldson, Indiana and professed first vows on July 25, 1952.

A graduate of Ancilla College, Donaldson and St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing, Fort Wayne, she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Loyola University, Chicago and her Masters of Science Degree in Nursing and a Minor in Nursing Administration from Marquette University, Milwaukee.

For 25 years she was involved in the nursing profession eventually going into nursing administration and management in various PHJC hospitals. In 1979 she was appointed administrator of the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson. In 1983 she was appointed chairperson of the Board of Directors for Ancilla Systems Incorporated, the Poor Handmaid hospital healthcare system. In 1990 she returned to Donaldson and was appointed the administrator of the PHJC Ministry Center. After completing her ministry at the Ministry Center, she pursued her interest in holistic healing.

Sister Judian worked with the ideas of Deepak Chopra, MD and others, and became the Executive Director of the Healing Arts Center in Mishawaka, Indiana. She then became a consultant for Pastoral Care and Complementary Healing at LaPorte Hospital Health Services. In 2002 Sister Judian opened the Namaste Center where she was committed to the wellness and healing of individuals and an advocate for holistic healing. In addition to her ministry at Namaste Center, she was chairperson of the Sojourner Truth House Board in Gary.

She was a member of the Rotary Club and was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation

of Rotary International in 2012 and was named one of the interesting people in the Michiana Area by the Executive Journal.

Sister Judian is survived by her brothers, Brother Clarence Breitenbach, CSC of Notre Dame, Indiana and Leo (Jackie) Breitenbach of Valparaiso, Indiana and her sister Lauretta (Kenneth) Hanson of LaPorte.

Burial was Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson on March 11, 2013.

May Sister Judian rest in peace.



Doris M. Albrecht

Doris M. Albrecht, age 93, died March 16, 2013 at Catherine Kasper Life Center (CKLC) in Donaldson. She was born on February 24, 1920 in Jump River, Wisconsin and married Floyd W. Albrecht on February 20, 1943 in Plymouth, Indiana.

He preceded her in death in 1992. Doris was a bookkeeper at Albrecht Grain Company from 1961 to 1984. She was a seamstress, gardener, and enjoyed artistic painting. Doris was a member of St. Patrick Church in Maytown, Illinois where, prior to moving to Indiana, she was active in the Altar and Rosary. She enjoyed arts and crafts and was very involved in CKLC activities. Doris came from a very large family who were very important to her. She always enjoyed her family reunions and being around people.

Doris became an Associate in the East Three Region in 2006 when she came to live at Maria Center, senior living apartments. She attended most Associate meetings, retreats and gatherings. She was always happy to have visitors in her room at the Catherine Kasper Home. She liked having them sign in so she wouldn't forget who had come to see her. Doris also was famous for her little homemade boxes which she gave to everyone who visited. Of course the best part of those little boxes was that they came with prayers from Doris for the recipient.

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Doris is survived by three daughters (including Associate Barb Lowry), two sons, 17 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

May Doris rest in peace.



Dolores C. Schafer

Dolores C. Schafer was 89 when she passed away at home in Argos, Indiana on April 18, 2013. She was known to many as mother, grandmother, educator, journalist and rural life advocate. Dolores graduated from Purdue University and

married Raymond J. Schafer on November 26, 1949. Dolores was a leader in her community, she loved her family and championed many causes. For more than thirty years she taught high school journalism and English at Crown Point, Argos, Divine Heart Seminary, Oregon-Davis, and Plymouth. She served as editor of the *Argos Reflector*, contributor to the *South Bend Tribune*, Director of Communications for the Poor Handmaid Sisters, and Director of Religious Education at St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Dolores became an Associate in the East Three Region in 1989 and served on the Associate Board (Core Team) for many years. She was also responsible for inviting and mentoring many of the East Three Associates. Dolores remained an active Associate as long as she was physically able. Most recently she was an Associate in Spirit. She certainly lived the charisma of Catherine her entire life and was committed to treating everyone she met with dignity and respect.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Schafer. Dolores is survived by her six children and their spouses, 16 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

May Dolores rest in peace.



Sister Lucille Ardelean, PHJC

Sister Lucille Ardelean, PHJC, passed away on May 12, 2013 at the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Indiana. She was born to George and Mary (Estrovan) Ardelean in East Chicago, Indiana on October 13, 1918. She entered

the Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ community and professed her first vows on June 25, 1939.

Sister Lucille began teaching at St. Patrick's School (Arcola, Indiana) in 1939. She continued teaching for the next 50 years at various schools in Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota. Her next ministry was in pastoral care. For seven years, she was able to bring much happiness and care to the elderly and ill in the parish and nursing home in Belle Plaine, Minnesota. She retired to the Catherine Kasper Home in 2009 at the age of 91.

Sister Lucille celebrated her 70th Jubilee in 2009. In her Jubilee reflection she states, "The greatest joy of my Jubilee year is to continue my lifelong love and following of the Blessed Mother and Blessed Catherine Kasper in helping others as much as I can as long as God grants me the good health to do so."

May Sister Lucille rest in peace!



Sister Johnel Kunkel, PHJC

Sister Johnel Kunkel, PHJC, passed away on May 19, 2013 at the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Indiana. She was born to John and Elizabeth (Rolfers) Kunkel in Carlyle, Illinois on April 26, 1916. She entered the Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ community and

professed her first vows on June 25, 1945.

Sister Johnel began her ministry in education in 1945, teaching at various schools in Quincy, Chicago and Breese, Illinois and Gary and Donaldson, Indiana.

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Congratulations!



The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ newly elected leadership team (from left to right): Sister Loretta Schleper and Sister Michele Dvorak, councilors; Sister Judith Diltz, provincial; and Sister Carole Langhauser, councilor

We offer a hearty congratulations and pledge our prayerful support to the next Provincial Leadership Team as they prepare to lead the PHJC American Province for the next four years. Sister Judith Diltz is the new Provincial-Elect and Sister Michele Dvorak (Vicaress), Sister Carole Langhauser and Sister Loretta Schleper are the new Councilors-Elect. They will begin their terms in July.

Congratulations are also in order to our new General Leadership Team. Sister Gonzalo Vakasseril from India is the new General Superior-Elect, and the new Councilors-Elect are our own Sister Annemarie Kampwerth, (Vicaress) and Sister Shirley Bell as well as Sister Barbara Spiegelhoff from Germany. Please pray for this new team as they prepare to lead the congregation into the future. We will certainly miss Sister Annemarie and Sister Shirley and assure them that our prayers will go with them as they leave for Germany. They will also take office in July.

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In 1988 she began her 15-year ministry at Ancilla College as Dean of the College transitioning in 1995 to become Special Assistant to the President until 2003. She states, "As a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ I had the opportunity, the privilege and the pleasure to help many students and their families to grow closer to God in their daily lives and also to become better educated. Helping others has indeed been a blessing for me." She retired to the Catherine Kasper Home in 2008 at the age of 92.

Thank you Sisters!

A very sincere thank you to the Provincial Leadership Team of the American Province — Sister Nora Hahn, Sister Virginia Kampwerth, Sister Marlene Ann Lama and Sister Kathy Haas. It has been wonderful to have you in Leadership these last eight years and we wish you much happiness in your future ministries.

And a very special thank you to Sister Virginia who served as the Provincial Liaison to the Associates for the past eight years. All the Associates are grateful for her guidance and support. And I am especially indebted to Sister Virginia for mentoring me for the past few years.

Much gratitude and best wishes are also sent to Sister Jolise May who is completing six years as the PHJC General Superior in Germany. It will be wonderful to welcome you back to the United States!



The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ leadership team (from left to right): Sister Nora Hahn, provincial, Sister Virginia Kampwerth, Sister Marlene Ann Lama and Sister Kathy Haas, councilors

Sister Johnel celebrated her 60th Jubilee in 2005. In her Jubilee reflection she states, "My hopes and dreams and my prayers will continue, as in the past, for my own future and that of the Poor Handmaid congregation. I place all in the hands of God and Blessed Mary Catherine Kasper. Our dreams have materialized in the beatification of our foundress. I hope the future will bring her canonization since the community she founded is now an international community."

May Sister Johnel rest in peace!

Please Remember in Prayer...

All Associates, PHJCs, Fiat Spiritus Community members, friends and families of the Spiritual Family of Catherine Kasper; all those spoken and unspoken prayer requests of friends, families and members of the Spiritual Family of Catherine.

East One

Carol Pulshealth concerns
Mary Cuneyhealth concerns for son Donald and daughter Renee
Gertrude Herberhealth issues of cousins Ruth and Don
Rose Gibsonhealth concerns for her sister Becky
Mary Moranhealth concerns for her cousin Scott
Maxine Bookrecovery from a recent fall
Sister Joetta Huelsmannniece's husband's death
Carol Pulshealth concerns

East Two

Sister Connie Bach support of the family grieving the loss of 19 year old Amanda
Marge Bickettmother's death
Sister Melanie Rauh recovery from surgery and continued healing
Sister Joyce Diltz mother's health; brother-in-law Bob's death

East Three

Sister Marlene Ann Lamabrother-in-law Michael's health
Pauline Pierson health of husband's niece, daughter and Sister Florence
Peg Kennedybrother's health issues
Pauline and Tom Fraisertwo year old granddaughter Lyla's health issues
Margaret Petronhealth and healing
Sister Agnes Muehlenfeld death of her youngest sister
Sister Cathy Schwemer sister-in-law's health
Donna Sikorskihealth and care issues for the disabled daughter of friend Carolyn
Christina Converset friend Lisa's health; friend Karl mother's death
Janice Roebuck cousin Rhonda's health; daughter of a friend's health issues; father's health

North

Anna Worthhealth issues
Mary Ann Kempthree year old granddaughter's recovery from surgery
Sister Lucy Megarohealth issues
Florence Rafachealth concerns; death of nine year old Chloe, a friend of her daughter
Jean Ehlerthealth issues for both her and her husband
Joan Blakehealth issues; death of brother-in-law, Douglas; friend Barbara's recovery from surgery
Mary Jane Boyle solution to a personal problem

Sister Bonnie Boilinifamily friend is struggling with ongoing tragedies
Emily Tumasadjustment to life changes
Sister Marybeth Martinniece Beth's health issues and newborn baby

South

Dorothy Uebingersister Marilyn's health
Mary Haashealth concerns
Libby Riggssister's friend who was hospitalized; sister Amanda's health; eight month old baby Adalyn's health
Juliana Elfinkhealth issues
Sister Jeannette Schuttehealth issues

West

Sister Kathleen Quinnbrother John's health concerns
Donna Grzychrecovery from surgery
Clara Coppingerhealth issues
Joyce Gertzher daughter regarding caregiving issues for handicapped sons
Diane Rockhillelderly friend's health

Fiat Spiritus Community

Sister Loretta Peterscousin Jeanette's health issues

Mexico

Sister Elvia Mina Juárezsafety of her family and the people of Mexico
Sister Yolanda Bautista Salinasmother's health
Sister Edith Schneidersister Mary's illness

Co-workers

Terry Sanders Blake, a nine year old neighbor's health
Sherry Hagbergfather's health

Please remember our Associate Candidates who will soon be making their First Commitments:

Clara Marie Coppinger
Rita Heimann
Margie Pixie
Janice Roebuck
Alice Ruiz

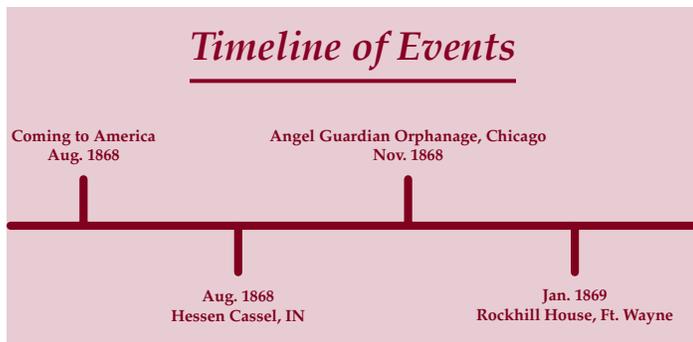


Timeline Tales —

American Sisters Begin Their Ministry Work

By Sister Mary Conrad, PHJC

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In October of 1868, Vicar General Father Fisher in Chicago asked for three Sisters for the German orphanage in Havelock (Rosehill). On November 9 the Provincial Superior, Sister M. Rose, went there with three Sisters: Sister Hyacintha as Superior, Sister Bella as a representative and Sister Corona. The ministry became known as Angel Guardian Orphanage. There, the Sisters’ concern was mainly instructing the orphans in household tasks. ⁽¹⁾

When Bishop Luers was made Bishop of the new diocese of Fort Wayne, one of his major concerns was the health of his largely German flock. After the arrival of the PHJC Sisters he knew that he still needed a hospital and the Sisters needed a Motherhouse so that new members could be accepted and trained. By January 1869, God provided a home; a small hotel that had failed known as Rock-Hill Place. By early May the building had been remodeled and opened as St. Joseph Hospital where the Sisters took care of the sick and poor. Over several years, the Sisters and their staff repaid Bishop Luers. Additions were made and the building served as the new American Poor Handmaid Motherhouse until 1923. ⁽²⁾

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May the Lord always strengthen me by His grace, guide me by His wisdom and make me happy by His divine love.

— Blessed Catherine Kasper, Newsletter, June 10, 1882

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