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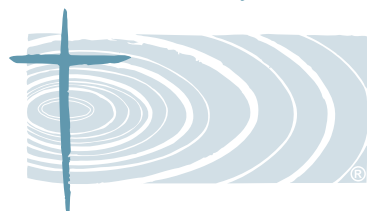


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COMMUNITY IN *Communion*

By **Sister Linda Volk** | PHJC

The particular expression from the Poor Handmaid Vision Statement that grabs a lot of attention is the phrase “*fostering communities in communion*”. This phrase is at the heart of the Vision Statement which was shared with coworkers, ministries and supporters in late 2021.

We often describe community as togetherness, belonging, fellowship, unity, and shared purpose. These are basic and necessary features for any authentic community.

However, when we identify ourselves as a *community in communion* we are speaking of an even deeper description of convergence within a committed group. The relationship of those “in communion” includes deep trust, meaningful and significant communication, consciousness of interdependence,

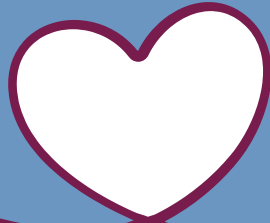
radical inclusion, solidarity and a commitment to dialogue and accountability to the community. This is the internal dynamic of a *community in communion*.

This experience evolves into *communities in communion* when a vital and essential interconnection with ministry communities is recognized and embraced. This interweaving at a deeper level brings us closer to “communion”.

The Poor Handmaid ministries are communities striving for communion not only within each ministry, not only among all Poor Handmaid ministries but also in mutuality with the persons and groups they serve. In this issue of Word Gathering we are introducing a number of our ministries through this lens. The remaining Poor Handmaid ministries will be featured in the fall issue of Word Gathering.



Whole-Hearted



SERVICE Builds Community

By **Alicia Hammonds** | *Communications and Marketing Director*

I'm a foster mom, a title I thought I might have once I had children of my own, but as it turns out that wasn't God's plan. Without thinking twice my husband and I jumped into getting our foster care license. We looked forward to welcoming children into our home just as any new parents bringing home a new baby.

It became easy for me to judge the bio parents of the children that came into our home knowing that we could provide a safe and happy environment for the kiddos whereas their parents did not. I didn't consider examining my judgment about the bio parents, until I volunteered at Sojourner Truth House (STH), a Poor Handmaid ministry for at-risk women and their children.

I spent one morning helping women find clothes and the basic necessities they needed to care for themselves and their children. I found myself accompanying them in the task without any judgment of how they ended up in the situation they were in or assessing if they were doing enough to get themselves back on their feet. It didn't matter. I was there to simply serve them in any way possible in that moment. I listened, I laughed with them, and all I cared about was getting these women what they needed. I showed them dignity and respect without any questions.

A few hours later I knew why God called me to minister at STH. I needed to learn to serve with my whole heart.

It's amazing how fast a heart can change.

I've taken this lesson into my interactions with the bio parents of my foster kiddos, and it has made all the difference. My husband and I are building community around families that are struggling and now I better understand my role of non-judgmental inclusion and compassion for all who form this community.

Though the statistics and services of each ministry are impressive and essential as metrics and markers of effectiveness, the impact of a ministry as a *community in communion* has an even deeper and more profound level of effectiveness. This happens when a ministry encompasses not only service through time, attention and resources but also through the gift of communion with one another, with other ministries and with those allowing us to serve them.

When "in communion" with others we give and receive from the lens of the heart and the spirit. We serve for our own wholeness and the wholeness of others. St. Paul described this as the body of Christ with no one member of the body less than another and all interrelated in mutuality and care for the common good. This is God's beloved community.

A team of PHJC coworkers, Associates, PHJC and other Sisters, MUAC students, and hotel residents get ready for delivery at Econo Lodge in Plymouth, Indiana.



PHJC Volunteers

CHANGING LIVES

By **Barbara Allison** | Communications

with hearts and hands

*"As each one has
received a gift, use it
to serve one another as
good stewards of
God's varied grace."*

1 Peter 4:10

The wheels of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Volunteer Program have many spokes. I am but one. The hub is undoubtedly Sister Connie Bach. Each Tuesday and Thursday, a room in the kitchen of Cana Hall is a hub of activity under her direction, filling the lives of those who volunteer with purpose and meaning. It's here that a cadre of volunteer Sisters, residents, Associates, and coworkers make sandwiches, pack grocery bags, and fill bins with hygiene products to deliver to two local motels, serving children of God who would otherwise do without.

Since 2018, I've served with the PHJC Volunteers both locally and on three trips to the U.S. Mexico border. These experiences have given me much more than I could ever offer to anyone. On my first trip to the border to assist at a migrant camp in Matamoros, Mexico and a respite

center in McAllen, Texas in December 2019, I witnessed a heartbreakingly beautiful moment when a Honduran mother, Catharina, was reunited with her two sons after five months of separation by the Trump administration. It was the most humbling Christmas gift I've ever received. Currently, a case to continue enforcement of the Migrant Protection Protocols, commonly known as Remain in Mexico, is before the U.S. Supreme Court. How I wish all nine of the justices could witness what we experienced on these trips - the devastation of family separation, the squalid living conditions - and decide the case with open hearts instead of politics.

Not long after my return from our second and third visits to the border, which bookended the initial pandemic lockdown and onset of Delta variant, I began serving with the PHJC Volunteer Food Program delivering food and other basic necessities, including hope, to residents at two motels in Plymouth, Indiana. When I don't see a familiar face on our routes each week, I hope it's because of a new job or a permanent home and not something that's making their life harder.

Seeing the familiar faces is just one of the gifts I've received from this endeavor. At this critical time in history, the confluence of a pandemic, political instability, and widening income inequality, knowing that all it takes to make someone's life a little easier is another person caring is balm for the soul in an increasingly harsh world. Meeting people like Red Rock Inn resident Marie and seeing her eyes light up not from donations but from an enveloping hug from Sister Connie is kindness distilled into its most human form. The pair chat about how Marie's been doing as she reflects, "I so appreciate what you do by giving us food, body lotion, and towels and the people around me appreciate it, too. I can't think of a better way to give than just to let people know you care about them and that they're not forgotten."

It's heartening to meet someone like Economy Inn resident Duane, who became more adept at managing his diabetes with both food he can count on receiving each week and through partnerships Sister Connie's built with allies like St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. I delivered food to Duane for what may be the last time last week; he's moving into his own apartment at Saint Katharina Kasper Serenity Place in Plymouth. Another success story is James, a mohawk-sporting, affable Red Rock Inn resident,



Sisters and Maria Center residents pack cooler bags and grocery bags for delivery to two hotels in Plymouth, Indiana.



who recently got a full-time job, a bank account, and a Kroger card all in the same week. It so much more than food; it's changing lives one encounter at a time.

In my time with the PHJC Volunteers both here and at the border, my heart and mind have expanded through the grace of knowing that I too can be the hands and feet of Jesus in service to others. The greatest gift is the community I've become a part of as a PHJC Volunteer, working with and getting to know coworkers, Sisters, Associates, and residents who I don't encounter daily, who keep that giant wheel of service to others spinning despite the obstacles. The volunteers I've served with have become my friends, not mere acquaintances. They've become people who I can count on and who can count on me. That's something I cherish, much like my friendship with Sister Connie, which has also grown in our service together.

Forming COMMUNITY, ONE RIDE At A Time

By **Sister Deborah Davis** | PHJC



One perceived disadvantage of COVID was the diminishment or even loss of community. Not so in East St. Louis. At HealthVisions of East St. Louis (HVM), the staff and volunteers work diligently. They continue to ensure their over 170 clients, the elderly with limited resources, that they would have safe and secure transportation for their medical needs. They also help manage essential grocery shopping, which is a critical resource, especially for the mobility challenged. This is no easy task. Before the pandemic, the 40 volunteers were able to help meet the needs of their clients. But many of the volunteers themselves were in the vulnerable population at higher risk of contracting the virus. So, they quit. That left 16 volunteers. Darrielle, Executive Assistant, and Rebekah the Volunteer Ministry/Transportation Coordinator scramble to find replacements. Meanwhile, Lisa, the only staff member who is a full-time driver, frequently gives overtime to accommodate the needs of their many clients. She does so with a cheerful manner, treating each person with the dignity and respect they deserve.

And HealthVisions is forming community one call at a time.

When the valuable team cannot build community through offering the needed transportation, they reach out through TRC: Telephone Reassurance Calls. Over 200 calls each month are made to these vulnerable elderly persons, cutting through their loneliness. As the TRC name indicates, the calls are to reassure that the client, though separated, is not alone. Caran, the Program Manager at HVMESL, ensures that these calls are made so no one is left out. Each person is important.

With the pandemic slowly receding, some of the clients are beginning to return to HealthVisions, invited to join the Circle of Friends. The intention is to bring small groups *physically together*, re-establishing face-to-face contact...

This gets the clients *outside* their homes after having been isolated for over two years. Through the Circle of Friends, they learn to use tablets, get meal vouchers and



their nutritional needs are addressed. All hands are on board. Jessica and Keisha, Community Resource Specialists, ensure that each person who comes through the door, steps on the transportation van, or picks up the phone is recognized. Brenda, a Caritas Senior Volunteer is the first connection a potential client might meet. Her friendly and understanding way immediately puts the person at ease. Such was the case when a 90+ year old woman walked through the door to arrange transportation for her 58-year-old son.

Between Paula as Executive Director and Caran, the Program Manager, their hands are full. If they had more resources, more drivers, more volunteers, they could serve many more clients. And there are many more who could benefit from the services offered. The people are there. The needs are there.

Truly the staff and volunteers at HealthVisions in East St. Louis is building strong communities in communion, one ride at a time, one call at a time and one Circle of Friends at a time.



Heart and MISSION Are Keys to Serving Others

By **Christopher Jefferson** |
HealthVisions Midwest Hammond

When I discovered my passion for being a man of service, my journey to HealthVisions began. The mission I have for helping others is rooted in the four core values of the Poor Handmaids, Simplicity, Openness to the Spirit, Community, Dignity, and Respect for all. As a father of two girls balancing work, life, and faith in my mission, I found that HealthVisions is a great place. I grew as a person and as an employee under the leadership and mentorship of the ministry.

A renewed vision and hard work allowed me to be part of something special, the HEART program. The focus of HEART is to address the problems in the community and then find ways to resolve them. "Meet the people where they are," is the heart's founding principle. Living these words, HEART offers classes at various locations. Classes are offered at shelters, provide one-on-one coaching, and held via Zoom meetings.

Serving Lake County, Indiana proved challenging during a pandemic. HEART sought to continue its efforts by giving away pandemic supplies such as masks and hand sanitizer so that classes could continue. Since its inception, HEART has reached and educated more than 800 people. As part of the HEART program, participants learn to change their lifestyle. Through funding from AstraZeneca and partnering organizations, we hope to carry the HEART program into the future. I am personally committed to HEART and to serve the people of Lake County and the world at large. Finally, I'd like to conclude by saying, **when compassion meets action, lives change.**



Top: Christopher Jefferson teaching the Eating Smart Being Active (ESBA) Class.

Bottom: Group Photo with Legacy Rep Kelly Anoe and ESBA graduates.

Ashley, A Mother's Hope



When Ashley arrived at A Mother's Hope, a shelter for homeless, pregnant women in Fort Wayne, Indiana, she was desperate. "At that point I didn't care about anything, I didn't care if I lived, if I died," she says.

The only thing keeping Ashley going was the hope that she could re-gain custody of her young daughter and be a good mother to the child she was carrying. But to do that, Ashley needed a lot of help. She needed to get and stay sober, take care of her health, develop positive relationships, and find work and stable housing.

Fortunately for Ashley, there was an entire community of caring individuals who supported her as she worked toward a better life.

Those individuals include not only the staff and volunteers at A Mother's Hope, but also the committed healthcare and non-profit professionals that are a part of the Prenatal & Infant Care (PIC) Network.

The PIC Network is facilitated by the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation, which is sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. The Network brings together anyone who is interested in providing quality prenatal and infant care services in northeast Indiana. Physicians, nurses, doulas, non-profit administrators, case managers, therapists and more all meet quarterly to learn about ways to better

Caring Network **Supports Moms and Babies**

By **Mary Tyndall** | Chief Storyteller at
St. Joseph Community Health Foundation

“It’s helpful to know that in this community you’re not alone.”

care for at-risk pregnant women and infants. Over sixty programs in northeast Indiana are represented in the PIC network and many worthwhile projects, like A Mother’s Hope, are financially supported through grants from the Poor Handmaids’ St. Joseph Community Health Foundation.

“When we first started the PIC Network, it was a way to share important information about improving healthcare outcomes for new moms and babies,” says Meg Distler, executive director of the St. Joe Foundation. “We quickly realized, however, that the Network is much more than a meeting that provides valuable information; it’s a community of providers who care deeply about the health of women and children.”

PIC meetings cover a variety of important topics, such as identifying substance use disorder in pregnant women and the importance of sleep safely education. Sometimes, however, the personal connections made at the PIC meetings are just as critical as the formal presentations. For example, the founder and Executive Director of A Mother’s Hope, Stasia Roth, started attending the PIC Network meeting just as her organization was getting established. She found the relationships she developed with other providers to be invaluable.

“You’d think technically we’re in competition but we’re really not because we all share that common purpose,” says Roth. “We’re all doing something a little different in terms of serving women and families. By working together, we provide the services needed to bring stability to those families. We are all so grateful for each other.”

Roth frequently calls professionals she meets through the PIC Network to ask about referrals or services that might help one of her clients. She knows that when a pregnant woman or new mother needs help, the community will pull together to find services to help the mother and baby thrive. That community of providers is there not just for the clients, but also for each other.

“We all see a lot of heartbreaking situations, we see a lot of trauma, we see things that can be challenging and difficult to move through. Being around other people who feel that and experience that, it’s helpful to know that in this community you’re not alone,” says Roth.

“The PIC Network has truly evolved into a community in communion,” says Distler. “Each of the participants sees that we’re interrelated in our care for each other and for the common good.”

That community helped make Ashley’s goal of finding stability for her daughter and new baby a reality.

“Before coming to A Mother’s Hope I was broken, and I think after leaving here I can show what success looks like and how A Mother’s Hope has changed my life for the better for me, for my daughter and my baby,” says Ashley. “Success to me is being sober and having healthy relationships, it’s me being healthy so I can teach my children to be healthy. Just having that joy in my life that I feel like I lost. I can walk with my head up rather than my head down like when I first walked into A Mother’s Hope.”



Cleaning and painting of Casa Catalina located in Coatzacoalcos, Mexico.

BEFORE / AFTER
Repair and Maintenance



Promoting **CO-RESPONSIBILITY**

By **Sister Yessica Torres Cruz** | PHJC

One of the objectives of Obras de Catalina (named in honor of Saint Katharina Kasper) is to provide a safe place and assistance with quality and warmth to the people who come knocking on the doors of our ministries. They are asking for help, to have a space where they can feel cared for, listened to, respected and valued. It is fundamental, without a doubt, that these places become a home for many people, a place where they come to build bonds of friendship, spaces where persons feel free to share their personal situations. It is joyful to see that when they feel co-responsible for the place where they are being rehabilitated they put their gifts and skills at the service of the common good. Recently, thanks to the support of generous people, we have had the opportunity to make some renovations in the building where the service is provided, and some of the works have been carried out by the same beneficiaries, in gratitude for the help given.

One of the values promoted in the works of Catalina is empowerment. We believe in the capacity of people and in the expansion of their abilities for their integral development. Promoting the growth of each person is one of the most arduous tasks but, at the same time, satisfactory for both parties, both for the institution and for the beneficiary. The Gospel says well, "The good tree is known by its fruit." All these years of hard work have not been in vain when I hear people who have passed through our ministries say that we are one of the best options. That is totally gratifying and motivational.

Although there remains much to improve in terms of our facilities, we know that through the networks we create with other institutions, people of good will and our daily work, we will be able to achieve it, always trusting in the providence of God and in each Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ.



Celebrate

SEVEN JUBILARIANS



By **Barbara Allison** | *Communications*

This year, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ celebrate seven Jubilarians who've served in communities of communion both globally and locally in service to the poor and underserved.

Three Sisters, Marilyn Haselhorst, Mary Kay Leuschke, and Patricia (Pat) Peters mark sixty years as Poor Handmaids. All professed their vows on August 22, 1962.

Currently serving in Mapachapa, Mexico, Sister Marilyn Haselhorst has ministered in the areas of education, formation, pastoral ministry, and finance. She's currently the regional treasurer in Mapachapa. "My years in education ministry were enjoyable and at times challenging, especially dealing with teenagers. I liked the casual relationship with the students during after school activities. I never minded chaperoning their noisy dances," she recalled.

At Chapter 1988 when the Poor Handmaids voted to begin a mission in Mexico, Sister Marilyn was one of two Poor Handmaids to answer the call. "My life changed completely," she noted. "I told my parents at that time that I would probably be in Mexico five years. This year I will complete thirty-four years. Life in Mexico presented many joys and new challenges as I was part of the foundation of the Congregation in Mexico. I will always be grateful for the kindness of many women who helped me adjust," Sister Marilyn



Sister Marilyn Haselhorst, PHJC

said. "Jesus said that the poor would always be with us and so I believe our ministries look to these needs and respond the best we are able. In doing this we are being true to our Poor Handmaid charism. My prayers and hopes for the future are that as a Congregation we will continue to grow and our presence will be a force in the Church today," she added. Sister Marilyn plans to mark this milestone year with a prayerful retreat and in celebration with family and community.



Sister Mary Kay Leuschke, PHJC

Also celebrating 60 years is Sister Mary Kay Leuschke of Cincinnati, Ohio. She has served in the ministries of education, vocational guidance, and social work. At her 50th Jubilee in 2012, Sister Mary Kay said, "My outlook in ministry is one of 'being with' fellow human beings and trying to listen attentively while following (Saint Katharina's) charism of serving the needs of the poor and underserved. I have been called to minister in a variety of ways: through education, as a counselor, and as a psychotherapist. I am most grateful to God for my family, friends, my colleagues, my PHJC Community and its partnerships, many intercommunity members as well as the special people God has blessed me with through these years."



Sister Patricia Peters, PHJC

Sister Pat Peters resides at Villa Sophia in Donaldson and is also a 60-year Jubilarian. She has ministered in education and IT services. She noted at her 50th Jubilee in 2012, "My greatest enjoyment during the Jubilee year will be celebrating with family and friends, and also in realizing I have contributed to the life of the community. I no longer have to prove myself, and I can be who I am now and into the future."

As she reflected on her years as a Poor Handmaid Sister, she's most proud of "creating the Mission Statement of the American Province, especially the phrase: 'Resisting our fears, we dare to accept the challenges of the future.'" She also wonders fondly about all the children she taught and how they're doing now.

My hopes and dreams have grown into a greater awareness of how I have been graced, supported, and encouraged by many along the way," Sister Pat said.



Two fifty-year Jubilarians, Sisters Mary Ann Dettmer and Shirley Bell, professed their vows on August 20, 1972.

Sister Mary Ann Dettmer of Aquirz-Ceara, Brazil has served in the ministries of nursing, formation, parish ministry, and Regional Leadership in the U.S., India, and Brazil. She's currently the treasurer of the Brazil Region. Sister Mary Ann grew up in the Poor Handmaid community, (her parents' first home was on the Ancilla Domini Sisters campus) as her dad, grandfather, and uncles all worked for the PHJC Sisters. "The Dettmer family was tied to Donaldson through my uncle Monsignor Aloysius Dettmer, who came to Sacred Heart Seminary as a young man and eventually was able to influence the whole family to leave Nebraska and settle in Indiana," Sister Mary Ann recalled.

Her Uncle Aloysius was a major influence in Sister Mary Ann's vocation. "I believe that being a PHJC was and continues to be in my blood. The influence of my uncle, Monsignor Aloysius, who spent most of his life as a missionary in Africa, was the seed that also helped me grow and find my place also as a missionary. From childhood on this was my dream," she said.

Sister Mary Ann's hopes that her Jubilee year will align with the PHJC core value of simplicity: "Probably the greatest joy will be in the moments of reflection and amazement that I have actually been a PHJC for 50 years. For sure there will be joy in the simple celebrations with the Sisters here in Brazil and hopefully vacation time near the end of the year in the USA and a family get together."



Sister Mary Ann Dettmer, PHJC



Sister Shirley Bell, PHJC

Sister Shirley Bell also celebrates 50 years, and currently serves as the Provincial of the Poor Handmaids American Province in Donaldson, Indiana. She ministered in the areas of nursing, senior care, formation, pastoral ministry, and in General Leadership of the PHJC in Dernbach, Germany.

"I've lived with so many wonderful women religious, both PHJCs and others from various religious communities. So, when I reflect on my life several phrases come to mind: the joy of community, the bond of prayer and grace of ministry. There have been all these years of community gatherings when we've shared our dreams, expressed our hopes and laughed at the implausible diversity of who we are as an international congregation," Sister Shirley recalled.

In reflecting on the Poor Handmaids at this moment of her 50th Jubilee, Sister Shirley noted, "We are aware, now more than ever, that we are truly one global community of people. What we do in community and ministry and how we do it, in small and great ways, affects not only our local communities but our entire world. Our Vision as Poor Handmaids calls us to be catalysts, to attend to those in greatest need, especially those poor and marginalized." She'll commemorate this milestone year with retreat and reflection "with God who called me to this incredibly amazing life and who constantly supports and challenges me to bring my best self forward on behalf of others."



Sisters Rosemary Jurkowski and Karuna Sebastian celebrate 25 years as Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. They professed their vows on August 16 and May 15, 1997, respectively.



Sister Rosemary Jurkowski, PHJC

Sister Rosemary, a resident of Ancilla Domini Convent, has ministered in social work, pastoral ministry, parish ministry, and volunteerism. "As a young child, I saw Mom feed the hobos and collect clothes for the 'displaced persons' coming from central Europe in the 1950s," she recalled.

While in college, Sister Rosemary got involved in the Catholic Action Group, working with inner-city children at Saint Mary's Church in Fort Wayne. "It was my first experience with the African American community. I was yet to learn what being poor meant," she said.

"After I graduated college, I got a job at the county welfare department as a caseworker. I studied the rules and regulations, but it was the meeting of people in their homes that was my real education. To see who they were and hear their stories and provide what I could, but it was only subsistence I was offering. I could not see how to make it better for them. My understanding was changing and so was my heart," she recalled.

After some soul-searching, Sister Rosemary became a Poor Handmaid candidate and later a novice, with the quote from the Pastoral Plan, "We are voices calling for lives of interdependence and inter-connectiveness in church, society and creation" as her guide. She ministered with Sister Joellen Tumas at Casa Romero in Chicago, serving the Hispanic community with much needed food, clothing, and other basic needs.

Later, she returned to her Polish Catholic roots at Saint Hedwig Parish in South Bend, which merged with Saint Patrick's Parish across the street, connecting her with the Irish Catholic community as well. She ran a small food pantry there and at the Sister Maura Brannick Health Center in that same west-side South Bend neighborhood. "I watched over and played with the kids while mom saw the doctor, I stocked and passed out clothes when we had a large donation, assisted in the food pantry, filed cases, assisted with intake mailings, etc. - a variety of activities and a variety of people to serve," she recalled.

Sister Rosemary will celebrate her Silver Jubilee year in prayer for peace in our world, aligned with the Poor Handmaids' focus on Pope Francis' Laudato Si' action plan. "I am excited that we are engaged in this good work to care with a deeper understanding for those who now refuse to be kept at the margins of society and a suffering earth that is losing its ability to care for us."

Sister Karuna Sebastian, originally from Thirumeni, India, now an Ancilla Domini Convent resident, is also celebrating her 25th Jubilee. She has served in the ministry of nursing as a supervisor, educator, lecturer, and senior



Sister Karuna Sebastian, PHJC

care nurse. Currently she's a registered nurse at the Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson, where she's ministered for the past three years, including during the extremely difficult time of the COVID 19 pandemic.

During this time, Sister Karuna has also shared her life-long love of gardening with the Poor Handmaid community by growing flowers in a garden on the north lawn of the Motherhouse. With them she creates stunning floral arrangements for the campus chapels, sharing her love of flowers with the community.

Congratulations 2022 Jubilarians!





In Loving *Memory*



Sister Inez Wilmering, PHJC (Louise)

Sister Inez Wilmering (Louise), Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ, died on Tuesday, May 10, at the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Indiana. She was 99 years of age.

She was born in Mishawaka, IN to Paul and Catherine (Young) who preceded her in death along with her brother John R. Wilmering.

Louise entered the Poor Handmaid Community on December 8, 1940 taking the name Sister Inez. She professed her vows on June 25, 1943.

Sister Inez' early ministry was in clerical work at three hospitals. In 1952 she received her nursing degree and served as a nurse and supervisor at various PHJC hospitals. The hospitals included St. Mary Mercy, Gary, IN; St. Mary, East St. Louis IL; St. Joseph, Fort Wayne IN; St. Joseph,

Mishawaka, IN. At St. Catherine, East Chicago, IN Sr. Inez was discharge planner and clinical instructor in pharmacology and diabetes. She completed her nursing career at the Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson, IN from 1977-1985. She then moved on to internal community service being quite adept at wrangling the challenges of Medicare in the business office. Later, she served as a faithful volunteer. She loved God's beautiful earth and being outdoors. Her garden was her joy!

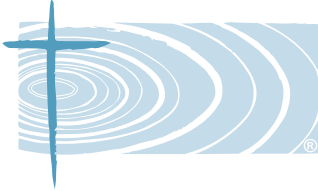
Sister Inez shared that her call in Baptism gave her the wonderful gift of faith. Faith was her guide and support throughout her 99 years and continued to grow as she experienced God's love for all of creation.

She officially retired in October 2015 moving to Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson.

May Sister Inez rest in Heavenly peace.



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Day-of-Event Check-In: Saturday, August 27, 8:00 – 9:00 AM EDT
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