Servite Sisters Celebrate Centennial

On Sept. 19, 2012, the Sisters, Servants of Mary, of Ladysmith, Wis., celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of their congregation. Over 200 guests joined the Sisters for the celebration.

In the fall of 1912, five pioneer women arrived in Ladysmith to teach at the new St. Mary’s School (now Our Lady of Sorrows School) and to establish a new congregation of Servite Sisters in America. The school opened on Oct. 10, 1912, with 95 students and five teaching Sisters.

Since 1912 the Ladysmith Servite Sisters have touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of people worldwide in teaching, healing, pastoral, and social justice ministries.

A special Mass to mark the Sisters’ 100th anniversary was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Ladysmith. Most Rev. Peter F. Christensen, Bishop of Superior, presided, with music led by the Superior Diocesan Chorale.

The liturgy was followed by a banquet and program at Deertail Lodge in Ladysmith. Father John Fontana, OSM, prior provincial of the U.S. Servite Friars, opened the program with a few congratulatory remarks and presented the Sisters with an etched crystal plaque marking the centennial. The mayor of Ladysmith, Daniel J. Gudis, who had been taught by the Sisters, proclaimed Sept. 19, 2012, Servite Sisters Day. Sister Sandra DeGidio, OSM, portraying their founder Mother Mary Alphonse, concluded the program with historical highlights of their 100-year existence.

On Sept. 18, the eve of the centennial celebration, the Sisters spent the afternoon in prayer and reminiscing, concluding with a festive dinner.
100 Years and Counting

“Everything before us brought us to this moment, standing on the threshold of a brand new day.”

These words ring true wherever we may be on this sacred journey called life, but they speak to us most profoundly when we mark the milestones along the way: a birth, a death, a wedding, an anniversary.

This year we Ladysmith Servite Sisters are celebrating a major milestone: the 100th anniversary of the founding of our community. As we look back, we stand in awe of the faith and fortitude of our first Sisters, and of each generation of Sisters after them.

Our six founding Sisters were originally Sisters of St. Joseph of La Grange, Ill. In the spring of 1912 a young Servite Friar, Father Boniface Efferenn, gave a retreat to the Sisters at La Grange. Meanwhile, in Ladysmith, Wis., the Servite Friars at St. Mary’s Parish were building a new school—without any teachers lined up to staff it. Father Boniface noticed that some of the Sisters at La Grange felt they didn’t have enough to do, with only one academy and a growing number of Sisters. The German-born cleric knew an opportunity when he saw one, and he said to the Sisters: “Have I got a deal for you!”—or words to that effect.

Six women left the La Grange community, were dispensed from their vows, and made plans to go to Ladysmith to teach at the new parish school and—for this was also Father Boniface’s dream—to establish a new foundation of Servite Sisters in America.

In the group were two Irish immigrants, Sister M. Alphonse Bradley and Sister M. Evangelist Corcoran, and one from England, Sister M. Boniface Hayes, and three native-born Americans, Sister M. Irene Drummond and Sister M. Rose Smith, both from Iowa, and Sister M. Charles Kolmesh from Michigan. Sister Evangelist was the oldest at age 37, and Sister Charles the youngest at 29.

Their troubles started even before they got to Ladysmith. The Bishop of Superior, Augustine Schinner, was eager to have the Sisters in his diocese, but he learned that the Vatican frowned on the creation of new congregations. He tried to find an established congregation that would accept them, but to no avail. The little band, minus Sister Boniface, who joined them the following year, arrived in Ladysmith in September 1912 wearing makeshift habits, without vows or affiliation with a religious order.

What did they do? They immediately set about rounding up students for the new school, and three weeks later they were busy teaching some 95 children of the local lumberjacks, pioneer farmers, and townspeople.

The hospital, while a boon for the area, left the Sisters deeply in debt, making it even less likely that another congregation would be willing to accept them. Just when things looked darkest, the Bishop of Superior, now Joseph Koudelka, sent a personal envoy to Rome to plead to allow the Ladysmith group to become an independent diocesan congregation. This time Rome said yes. The prior general of the Servite Friars, Alexis Lepicier, OSM, had already agreed that if Rome said yes, the Servite Order would, too. And thus was born the Sisters, Servants of Mary, of Ladysmith, Wis. On Dec. 8, 1919, the

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New Leadership Team Installed

Servite Sisters, friends, and relatives gathered in Our Lady of Joy Chapel at Addolorata Villa, Wheeling, Ill., on June 22 to celebrate the installation of the 2012–2016 Leadership Team. Sisters Theresa Sandok, Sean Fox, and Mary Alice Willems were chosen by the Sisters in late March, after three days of prayerful discernment, to lead the community for the next four years. The theme of the Chapter of Selection was: “Behold, I am with you always” (Mt. 28:20).

Sister Theresa was chosen to serve as president of the community, a ministry she has performed for the past 12 years. She resides in Oak Creek, Wis. Prior to assuming this leadership role she was a professor of philosophy for 18 years at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky., where she also served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and director of the Thomas Merton Center. She has published translations of works by Polish philosophers, including Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II).

An attorney in the Chicago area, Sister Sean provides legal services to the bereaved and elderly in settling estates, and with disabled family members in planning for the disabled person’s care. She served on the Leadership Team during the previous four years.

Sister Mary Alice was a member of the Leadership Team for the past 12 years. She brings to the role her experience as teacher, pastoral associate, chaplain, and spiritual guide. She lives in Greenfield, Wis., where, in addition to her leadership duties, she enjoys working with computers, photography, reading, and quilting.

Sister Begins 80th Year of Religious Profession

On Aug. 17, 2012, Sister Mary Veronica Davison celebrated her 79th jubilee of religious profession – more than any other Servite Sister in our 100-year history – and began her 80th year of profession. At age 96, she is also the oldest living member of the community. She holds a doctorate in music history from the University of Minnesota and spent 64 years in active ministry. She taught music courses, directed choral groups, and gave private lessons to students at all levels. She worked in the archives of the Servite Friars in the United States and Italy. Prior to retiring at age 81, she worked in the office at Servite High School in Anaheim, Cal. She now resides at Addolorata Villa, Wheeling, Ill, where she continues to enjoy her lifelong passion for reading.

“The Blue Nun,” as the boys at Servite High in Anaheim, Cal., affectionately called Sister Mary Veronica when she worked there from 1989 to 1998.

Fifteen-year-old Margaret Elaine Davison, front right, the future Sister Mary Veronica, with her postulant class in 1932.
Sister Mary Joan LeBlanc  
1919–2012

Sister Mary Joan LeBlanc, 93, died June 5, 2012, at Rusk County Memorial Nursing Home in Ladysmith. She was born Jan. 9, 1919, in Ladysmith, to James Fredrick and Laura Ann (Wolfe) LeBlanc, the second of seven children. She joined the Servants of Mary in 1932 and professed first vows in 1937. Sister Joan earned a bachelor’s degree in English and a master’s in counseling and guidance from the University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, Minn. She ministered as a teacher and principal in Catholic elementary schools for 20 years, 18 of them at St. Rose of Lima School in Roseville, Minn.

Sister Joan returned to Ladysmith in 1960 to serve as director of aspirants (high school students wishing to become sisters) and to teach at Servite High School. A year later she was elected to the Servants of Mary General Council and served as First Councilor until the death of Mother Mary Patricia McLaughlin in 1965. She was elected to succeed Mother Patricia as Prioress General. Six years later she was reelected to a second term, during which the titles “Mother” and “Prioress General” were replaced by “Sister” and “President.”

Sister Joan’s years in office were some of the most tumultuous years in the life of the community. The Second Vatican Council ended in 1965, the same year she assumed leadership of the community. During her nine years as congregational leader, 51 professed sisters left the community and only seven new members entered and remained in religious life. Scarce funds and declining membership necessitated the divestiture of the community’s sponsored ministries in Ladysmith (including the hospital, nursing home, college, high school, and sisters’ farm) and the withdrawal of teaching sisters from various parochial schools, some of which had been staffed by the Servite Sisters for decades. Despite these challenges, Sister Joan encouraged sisters to complete degrees in their areas of ministry and to become retrained for emerging ministries in response to the needs of changing times.

Sister Joan returned to teaching in 1974, following her years in community leadership. She retired in 1992 and moved to the motherhouse in Ladysmith, where she continued to find ways to be of service. She tutored children, taught religion and reading, and volunteered in the library at Our Lady of Sorrows School. For the past 20 years, she worked in the congregation’s development office, where she opened envelopes and recorded contributions, never once using a calculator to total donations. She died in her 75th year of religious profession.

Sister Mary Celestine Tremblay  
1918–2011

Sister Mary Celestine Tremblay, 93, died Dec. 26, 2011, at Addolorata Villa, Wheeling, Ill. She was born July 19, 1918, in Medford, Wis., to Alexander and Magdalen (Russell) Tremblay, the fifth of seven children, and grew up in Ladysmith. She joined the Servants of Mary in 1934 and professed first vows in 1936. She earned a bachelor’s in education with minors in art and music from the College of St. Joseph, St. Joseph, Minn., and continued her studies at the Chicago Institute of Art, Viterbo College in La Crosse, Wis., Rosary College in River Forest, Ill., Mundelein College in Chicago, and the Notre Dame Pontifical Catechetical Institute in Middleburg, Va.

Sister Celestine began her ministry of service as a teacher at St. Domitilla School in Hillside, Ill. She served as a teacher, principal, music teacher, and choir director in schools in Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, West Virginia, and Wisconsin for 45 years. She was also involved in parish work as a director of religious education.

Three of Sister Celestine’s siblings also entered religious life. Two older brothers, Russell and Eugene, became priests of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and a younger sister, Bernice, joined the Servants of Mary and took the name Sister Mary Eugenia.

Sister Celestine, together with her sister, Sister Eugenia, moved to Sherman, Ill., in 1981 and worked with the elderly for nine years. The sisters retired in 2000 and moved to Addolorata Villa, where they volunteered in the activities department. In 2005 they moved to Felician Village in Manitowoc, Wis., to be closer to their elderly brother, Father Eugene Tremblay, OMI. They moved back to Addolorata Villa in 2008. Sister Celestine died in her 75th year of religious profession.
In the Spotlight

Sister Ann Marie Caporale, left, and Sister Sean Fox accepted the Lifetime Commitment Award from Annunciata Parish, Chicago, at the 6th Annual Annunciata Parish Reunion and Awards Night on April 21, 2012. Servite Sisters played a key role in the history and growth of the parish and parish school from 1949 to 1971. Sister Sean taught at Annunciata the last year that Servite Sisters staffed the school. Sister Ann Marie grew up in the parish and attended the parish school. She is once again a member of the parish, where she ministers as sacristan and sings in the Resurrection Choir. A statement in the Awards Night Booklet read: “To [Sister Ann Marie] and all the Servite Sisters who have been and are an integral and beloved part of the Annunciata Family throughout our history, we say ‘Thank You!’”

Sister Mary Christina Gelting, pictured here sorting “Labels for Education” at her home in Care Partners Assisted Living in Ladysmith. This is just one of the many ways Sister continues to be a compassionate presence in people’s lives. At Care Partners she visits other residents and daily reads to a woman who has poor eyesight. When there’s a funeral at the local parish, she is the designated caller to contact parishioners to bring desserts for the funeral lunch. Her hobbies include writing poetry, playing cards, knitting prayer shawls, and making bookmarks and Christmas ornaments. The bookmarks become welcome gifts for new staff members at Care Partners and birthday gifts for family and friends. Asked if she ever gets bored, she replied, “I don’t know what bored means.”

Sisters’ new home. Last May seven sisters moved into a newly completed retirement residence adjacent to the Servants of Mary cemetery in Ladysmith. The building is composed of two four-bedroom homes, each with its own kitchen, dining room, living room, and utility room. Each bedroom has a private bath, walk-in closet, and patio. The two homes are connected by a large common room, which the sisters use for prayer and gatherings, and a three-car garage. The building is eco-friendly and certified by Wisconsin’s Focus on Energy New Homes Program. Wayne Stoll of Coldwell Banker in Ladysmith served as the owner’s representative for this project, and John Huiras of Huiras Construction in Weyerhaeuser, Wis., was the general contractor.

Mary’s Pence. Twenty-five years ago Sister Sean Fox, OSM, center, and other women leaders from many walks of life met in Chicago to create Mary’s Pence, an organization founded to address the unmet needs of women and children. Today Mary’s Pence distributes $60,000 to $100,000 annually to projects throughout the Americas. Pictured here with Sister Sean at an Aug. 9, 2012 reception in St. Louis, Mo., are, from left, Mary’s Pence board member Sister Judy Diaz Molosky, CSJ, executive director Katherine Wojtan, Servants of Mary president Sister Theresa Sandok, OSM, and Mary’s Pence board member Sister Robbie Pentecost, OSF.
Nine Sisters – 535 Years of Service

Nine Servite Sisters celebrated jubilees of religious profession this year: Sister Mary Joan LeBlanc (75 years), Sisters Mary Lucy Daniels, Geraldine Schulte, and Mary John VanderLoop (70 years), and Sisters Casimira Benbenek, Sandra DeGidio, Lois Reichert, Marguerite Samz, and Mary Alice Willems (50 years).

75 Years
Sister Mary Joan LeBlanc. On Sunday, May 13, 2012, all of the Servite Sisters living in Ladysmith gathered at the Rusk County Memorial Nursing home to celebrate Sister Joan’s 75th jubilee of religious profession. Following a hymn and prayer, Sister Joan proclaimed in a weak but determined voice: “I renew my vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience and hope, with the help of God’s grace, to observe them faithfully all the days of my life.” The ceremony ended with the singing of the Salve Regina and Sister Joan’s favorite dessert, Dairy Queen treats. Sister Joan died three weeks later. See In Memoriam, p. 4, for her biography.

70 Years
Sister Mary Lucy Daniels was born in Weyerhaeuser, Wis., on Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14, 1925, the eldest of 14 children. She attended Woodland School in Weyerhaeuser and then transferred to SS. Peter & Paul School, staffed by the Servite Sisters, when it opened in 1936. She attended Weyerhaeuser High School and graduated from Our Lady of Sorrows High School, Ladysmith, after entering the Servants of Mary in 1940. She professed first vows in 1942. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Mount Senario College and completed four units of clinical pastoral education (CPE) at St. Joseph Hospital, Saint Paul, Minn. She also earned a nursing home administrator license in the State of Illinois. She taught piano, organ, and classroom music in Catholic schools in West Virginia and Wisconsin. She served as director of postulants and novices for ten years and as a member of the Servants of Mary Leadership Team for six years. Healthcare is Sister Lucy’s passion. She spent 39 years in the field, 10 years as administrator of Addolorata Villa in Wheeling, Ill., and 29 years in hospital chaplaincy. She was the first woman chaplain at Rusk County Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home in Ladysmith. She waged a two-year battle to get hospice started in Rusk County and today ministers as a healthcare and hospice volunteer in Ladysmith.

Sister Geraldine Schulte was born in Cumberland, Wis., on Nov. 2, 1925, the eldest of three children. She attended elementary school and three years of high school in Cumberland and completed her high school education at Our Lady of Sorrows High School, Ladysmith, after entering the convent in 1940. She professed first vows in 1942. She received a bachelor’s degree from Viterbo College, La Crosse, Wis., with a major in biology and a minor in mathematics, and a master’s in natural science from the University of Oklahoma. She spent 28 years teaching in grade schools staffed by the Servite Sisters in Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, and West Virginia. She taught science at St. Viator High School, Arlington Heights, Ill., and physics and earth science at Mount Senario College, Ladysmith. She worked as a secretary at the National College of Education, Evanston, Ill., and at Underwriters Laboratories, Northbrook, Ill. She ministered as a director of religious education in Mishawaka, Ind. She served as treasurer and assistant finance manager for the Servants of Mary from 1987 to 1993. She enjoys playing bridge, crocheting, knitting, solving crossword puzzles, and reading.

Sister Mary John VanderLoop was born in Grow Township near Ladysmith on June 5, 1918, the third of 13 children. She attended rural elementary public schools and Ladysmith High School, graduating valedictorian of the class of 1937. After high school, she went to River Falls State Teachers College and then to Rusk County Normal School, where she earned a teaching certificate. She taught for a short time and then worked as a nurse’s aide at St. Mary’s Hospital in Ladysmith. That is where she first encountered Servite Sisters, who helped foster her vocation. She entered the convent in 1941 and professed first vows in 1942. She taught three years in elementary schools in Wisconsin and West Virginia and then enrolled in St. Francis School of Nursing, La Crosse, Wis., where she became a registered nurse. She spent over 30 years in healthcare ministry. She did general nursing at St. Mary’s Hospital, Ladysmith; opened St. Mary’s Memorial Hospital, Kewanee, Wis.; was director of nursing at St. Mary’s Hospital and St. Joseph on the Flambeau Nursing Home, Ladysmith; and was staff nurse at Rusk County Memorial Hospital, Ladysmith. She served on the Servants of Mary Leadership Team for 13 years. Since 1985 she has ministered in justice and peace advocacy.

50 Years
Sister Casimira Benbenek was born in Chicago on Nov. 23, 1942. She grew up on a farm near Hazelhurst, Wis., and attended Lakeland Union High School in Minocqua. She entered the convent in 1960 and professed first vows in 1962. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Mount Senario College, Ladysmith, and
Sister Sandra DeGidio was born in Cumberland, Wis., on Feb. 12, 1943, the eldest of two children. She attended Cumberland High School and graduated from Servite High School, Ladysmith, after joining the Servite Sisters in 1959. She professed first vows in 1962. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Mount Senario College, Ladysmith. She took courses in liturgical studies at the University of Notre Dame and became a certified spiritual director through the Spiritual Guidance Training Program, Siena Center, Racine, Wis. She taught in Catholic elementary schools in Illinois and Minnesota, ministered as pastoral associate and director of religious education in Webster, Wis., and served as director of family catechesis, adult education, and liturgy in New Hope, Minn. She served two terms as president of the Servite Sisters and an additional term as a member of the Leadership Team. She has authored nine books and over 100 articles and has taught summer sessions at colleges in Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. She served as director of marketing for Revere Healthcare in Illinois and director of development for Catholic Charities of Rockford, Ill. Today she ministers as a spiritual director as well as serving as the Servite Sisters’ director of development and communications.

Sister Lois Reichert was born on June 16, 1939, in Stanley, Wis., and grew up in Thorp, Wis. She is one of ten siblings, five girls and five boys. She graduated from Our Lady of Sorrows High School and professed first vows in 1962. She earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education and English and a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and business management from Mount Senario College, Ladysmith. She was awarded a teaching certificate from Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC) in Rice Lake, Wis. Sister taught in elementary schools in Illinois and Minnesota. She served as a social worker with the Rusk County Department of Social Services and as a domestic abuse advocate and children’s coordinator at the Time Out Family Abuse Shelter in Ladysmith. She was an instructor of English and General Education at WITC in Rice Lake. She managed the gift shop for the Servite Center for Life in Ladysmith and served on the organization’s advisory board. She presently ministers to the homebound, in outreach to small children, and through prayer.

Sister Marguerite Sanz was born in Argonne, Wis., on March 9, 1937. She is the fourth of 23 children, all from the same set of parents. She attended Three Lakes Elementary School, Argonne Elementary School, and Crandon High School. She entered the Servants of Mary in 1960 and professed first vows in 1962. She earned a bachelor's degree from Viterbo College, La Crosse, Wis., and a master's from the University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, Minn. She completed one unit of clinical pastoral education at Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Elk Grove Village, Ill. She ministered as an elementary and high school teacher in California and Wisconsin. She was a counselor, teacher, and registrar at Mount Senario College, Ladysmith. She served two terms on the Servants of Mary Leadership Team, first as vice president of ministry and then as vice president of formation. She served as coordinator of the Servite Sisters at the motherhouse in Ladysmith and at Addolorata Villa in Wheeling, Ill. She was on the pastoral care staff at Bethany Riverside Lutheran Nursing Home, La Crosse, Wis. Presently she is program director of Servite Center for Life and assistant to the St. Juliana Community of Secular Servites in Ladysmith and a contributor to the Hillconnections website.

Sister Mary Alice Willems was born on Oct. 4, 1941, in Paris, Arkansas, and grew up in Milwaukee, Wis. She is the eldest of three children. She entered the Servants of Mary in 1960 and professed first vows in 1962. She is a graduate of Holy Angels Academy, Milwaukee, and was awarded a bachelor's degree in education and English from Mount Senario College, Ladysmith. She went on to earn a master's in pastoral theology from St. Theresa College, Winona, Minn., and completed four units of clinical pastoral education at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee. She became a certified spiritual director through the Spiritual Guidance Training Program, Siena Center, Racine, Wis. She ministered as a grade school teacher in Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, and Wisconsin. She ministered as a parish pastoral associate in Superior, Wis., and as a chaplain in long-term healthcare facilities in Milwaukee. She served as a member of the Servants of Mary Leadership Team from 1986 to 1992 and from 2000 to the present. In addition to her leadership duties, she enjoys playing with computers, photography, reading, and quilting.
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In memory of Dewey Flobberg, Nathaniel J. Vacho, Carmen & Tony Vacho  

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In memory of Edward & Fern Flood, Raymond & Christine Dohr  

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In memory of Helen T. Foscz  

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Franceschini, Rev. Eugene Mark, OSM  

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In memory of S. Rosalie Hennessy, OSM  

Francois, Ken & Ella  

* Frawley-Lemire, Maureen  

Froats, John S.  
In honor of Martin & Cathy Appel  

Fucik, Bill & Lolly  
In memory of S. M. Joan LeBlanc, OSM  

Gahlinger, David L.  

Galetka, Mathilda (Tilly)  
In memory of Albert Galetka, Joseph, Katherine & Leon Selonke  

Gallagher, Helen  
In memory of James A. Gallagher  

Gallagher, Mary  

Gansen, Mary Therese  

Gasker, Mary M.  
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Gassman, Catherine  

Geib, Donnell H.  

Geisler, John & Zola  
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In memory of Ethel Gierok  

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In memory of S. M. Camillus Cote, OSM  

Gooden, Earl L. & Bessie  

Gores, Jerome H.  
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In memory of Henry & Tekla Gorkowski  

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Gressle, Chuck  
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In memory of Bill Phipps  

Gribbon, John & Susan  
In honor of Martin & Cathy Appel  

Griffin, Dr. John R.  

Griglak, Michael  
In memory of S. M. Joan LeBlanc, OSM  

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Gross, Marcella  

Groth, Mike & Peg  

Guns, Mark & Lorraine  
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Guzik, Agnes A.  
In memory of Ted Guzik  

Haag, Wayne F.  

* Haas, William B. & Viol  

Haal, Michael & Mickie Micklewright  
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Hafner, Genevieve T.  
In honor of S. Alice Henke, OSM  

Hagany, Michael  

Hagen, Rev. Gerald A.  

* Haidvogl, Harvey L.  
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Hall, Garry D.  

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In honor of Kim Feltsman
In memory of S. M. Wilhelmina Jahn, OSM
Hanley, Thomas & Charlotte
In memory of Fr. Clement M. Hanley, OSM
Hansen, Jean A.
In memory of Bob Hansen
Hanson, Chris
Hartman, Lawrence H.
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Hauber, Anne M.
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Hayek, John J.
Hayes, Lyle N.
* Hegy, Pierre M.
Heidgen, Charles F. & Mary Ellen
* Heintz, Mark & Mary
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Hennessey, Brian
In memory of S. Rosalie Hennessey, OSM
Hennessey, Thomas
In memory of S. Rosalie Hennessey, OSM
* Herkata, Philippus H.
Hessian, Rev. Roger J.
In memory of S. Rosalie Hennessey, OSM
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In memory of Anne Hill, Tom Hill
* Hillenbrand, Thomas A. & Sandra
In honor of S. Doris Ann Samens, OSM, Martin & Cathy Appel
In memory of S. Rosalie Hennessey, OSM
Hinaus, Mike & Kathleen
Hinz, Cassie
In memory of S. Rosalie Hennessey, OSM
Hinz, Mary Jo
In memory of S. Rosalie Hennessey, OSM
Hnath, Kathleen M.
Hoffman, Carlton E.
Hoffman, James & Marilyn
In honor of Martin & Cathy Appel
Holles, S. Harriet, BVM
Holmes, Al & Mary
Holub, Frank & Madeleine
In honor of S. Ann Marie Caporale, OSM
Holzhaeuser, William J. & Mary Jo D.
Houck, Richard & Mary Ann
Howard, Anne
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In memory of Theresa Regina Huiras
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In memory of Michael S. Hvizdak
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In memory of Joseph Robert & Mary Anne Idasek
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Jansen, Warren J.
Jarvis, Richard W.
In memory of Norma Warren
Jewison, S. Judy, OP, REALM
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In memory of George Joanis
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* Johnson, Gayle
Johnson, Roy E. & Elizabeth J.
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Jones, Mary Irene
Kading, Patricia
Kainz, Susan F.
In honor of Fr. Tim Wozniak
In memory of Chester Wozniak
Kane, Nancy E.
In honor of Martin & Catherine Appel
Kasper, Bernice F.
In memory of Kasper Family
Kasper, Marie K.
In honor of Margaret Schaubischlager, Mike Kasper, John Kasper
Kauer, Ronald & Mary
Kazek, Joseph A. & Joann
In memory of Dana-Jo Kazek Markland
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Kearney, Patrick J. & Kathleen
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Kennen, Tammy
* Kester, Donald E.
Keup, Arthur J. & Luella M.
Kiever, Genevieve
* Kiernan, Bernard A., Jr.
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In memory of family members, Brian Sutter, victims of abortion
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In memory of Helen & Louis Sandek
* Kline, Richard & Bernadine
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Kohn, Marlene
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Kolkoski, Armenta J.
* Kopil, Rose B.
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Kormendy, Doris
Kostick, Roman & Gertrude
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In memory Jerome Kotten
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In memory of Steve Kowalski
Krajewski, David
Krajewski, Dorothy A.
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Krajewski, Richard & Kathleen
In honor of S. Mary John VanderLoop, OSM
In memory of S. M. Bernice VanderLoop, OSM
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In memory of S. M. Bernice VanderLoop, OSM
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Kren, Joseph
In honor of Hildegard Kren
* Kroll, John E.
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Kronhelm, Gar D. & Arlene
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Kubisiak, John & Clara
In memory of S. Dorothy Kubisiak, SSJ-TOSF

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* Kunkel, John (Jack) & Karen
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Kurth, Noreen

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* Kurzeka, Richard A. & Kathie
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* Langenfeld, Gerald M.
In memory of Gerald & Betty

Lantta, Gary & Jill
In memory of S. M. Bernice VanderLoop, OSM

* Lasack, Leonard F.
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In memory of S. Rosalie Hennessey, OSM

* Leniewski, Leonard W.

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In memory of Albertina Breier

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* Liebig, Gene

* Lieser, Betty
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In memory of S. M. Robert Semerau, OSM

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In memory of S. Rosalie Hennessey, OSM

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* Luplow, Maryann H.
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In memory of Norman L. Mark

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In memory of Pat & Emmett Helin

* Matson, Glenn C. & Helen
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In memory of S. M. Ambrose Vogel, OSM

Mayer, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R.

* Mayer, William T.
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In memory of S. M. Bernice VanderLoop, OSM

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McElroy, Lucille L.

McGinley, S. Noreen, OSM

* McGinnis, John E., & Mary
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McMurrer, Carol J.

McNamara, Jim T. & Marge
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McNamara, Rev. John P.

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In honor of S. M. Christina Geltig, OSM

In honor of Howard McNulty

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Mezera, Francis J. & Betty

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In memory of Gertrude Michaelson

Mikunda, Jim & Cathy

* Moffett, James & Helen
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Mueller, Pearl M.
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Muench, Louis G. & Doris
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Murphy, Finian J. & Donna
In memory of S. Rosalie Hennessey, OSM

* Murphy, Hon. Sheila M.

Murray, Edward & Mary

* Myrick, Janet E.
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Nabefeld, Ronald

Nazer, Raymond J.

Nelsen, Irene
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* Neumayer, John J.

Nicholas, James E.

Nickel, Rev. Leonard F.

* Nicolini, Leo
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In memory of Charles N. Okonek

Olsen, James I.

Olsen, Bobbie

Olsen, Gerald A.

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In memory of John Opalseny

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* Ornberg, Robert & Mary
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Pettersson, Elizabeth B.
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Pfalzgraf, Joseph J. & Kay
In memory of Teresa & Jacob Pfalzgraf, Irene Carlson

* Pfister, Dick & Carol
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In memory of S. Rosalie Hennessey, OSM

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Pias, Larry & Donna
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* Pinheiro, Manuel & Amparo
In memory of S. Theresa Sandok, OSM

Pintens, Patricia
* Poeke, Rudolph A.
In memory of Lillian Poeke

Pondell, Stanley & Marie
* Porwoll, Kenneth & Mary Ellen

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Rakowski, Jude
* Rambosek, Mary M.
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In memory of Theodore Raupp, Mr. & Mrs. John Bugner

Reed, Doris J.
In honor of S. Theresa Sandok, OSM

* Reeves, Gerry H., CLU
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Regnier, John E. & Eva Mae

Reichert, Betty
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Reul, Jody
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Rhodes, Joseph L.
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In memory of Loretta & George McCarthy

* Rice, Maria
In memory of Mary Rose Rice

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* Rockwell, Raymond J.

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* Rogers, Jerome & Jolene
In memory of Frances Rogers Family

* Romero, Maria Encarna B.

* Rosolowski, Blanche
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Sanchez, Manuel

Sandok, Mary R.
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In memory of Samuel Santillo

Sazama, Janice M.

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Schmitt, James W.

Scharufnagel, Dolores

Schultz, Kenneth & Mary

Schumacher, Mary
In memory of Norbert Schumacher

Schwaighart, Kathleen
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Seis, Eugene & Doris
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In memory of the Seis & Raubals Families

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* Senander, John (Jack) D.
  In memory of Cathleen Overlie
* Shakal, Clarence & Theresa
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  In memory of S. Vivian Mayer, OSM
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  In memory of Millie Tuchane, Marian
  In memory of S. M. Joan LeBlanc, OSM
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* Smith, Kevin & Dr. Rebecca
  In honor of S. M. James M. Smith
* Smith, Reginald B.
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* Snyder, Joseph V. & Rita
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  In memory of Arthur “Pat” Soderberg
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  In memory of S. Bonnie Straney, OSM
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  In memory of S. Mary Pat Hill, OSM, S. Margarette Samz, OSM
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  In honor of S. M. Joan LeBlanc, OSM
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* Thiemann, Linda
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* Thoemmes, Linda
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* Tomlinson, Robert
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
* Towers, Lee W. & Charlotte
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* Towne, Emma
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
* Trausch, Mary Agnes
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
* Trzebski, Jo Ann
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
* Trubik, Marian
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
* Trushke, Jo Ann
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
* Vanderloop, Gina
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
* Verride, Patrick
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
* Vazquez, Paul P.
* Vellante, Delia C.
* Vercimak, Irene C.
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* Verdegan, Evelyn
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
* Verdegan, Pam
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
* Vergara, Chu
* Verkuijlen, Robert A.
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* Vinopal, Ina C.
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* Vitarius, Josephine
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* Volk, Phyllis L.
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* Voss, Irma
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* Villafana, David
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* Walters, Ernest J.
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
* Walters, Winnifred H.
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
* Webb, Donald V.
* Weeks, Angela Turney
* Weinert, Conrad & Theresa
* Weisbrod, Robert & Marie
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
* Weisbrod, Robert & Marie
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
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* Williger, Rev. Gerald I.
* Williger, Joseph P. & Beverly
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* Zimmerman, Gary, FAIA
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* Zoromski, Donald & Carrie
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
* Zuehlke, Don
  In memory of S. M. James M. Smith
women once again pronounced religious vows and dedicated themselves to lives of compassionate service.

And that’s just the first seven years of our 100-year history. The next 93 years were equally challenging and rewarding, and the characters equally colorful. Like, for example, Sister Joseph, a night nurse at St. Mary’s Hospital, who took pity on a man who came to the hospital late one night asking for food. She later discovered that the person to whom she had served ham and eggs was the notorious outlaw John Dillinger, on his way to his Northwood’s hideout.

Or Sister Stanislaus who, on a begging expedition for donations to support the Ladysmith hospital, met a farmer who was reluctant to contribute. He told her, “You can have the runt pig if you can catch it.” So she bribed the man’s children with the promise of a holy card to all who joined in the chase and a religious medal to the one who caught the critter, and she went home with the pig.

Or, in more recent times, Sister Rosalie, who was equally inventive at getting people to contribute to a worthy cause. She headed up Alpha House of Tampa, a home for pregnant and parenting women in crisis. In a tribute following her death last year, Steve Otto, a columnist for the Tampa Tribune, wrote of how she would call him at least once a month to eat noodles at her favorite Thai restaurant and then pitch her latest project for a column, “from migrant worker camps in Wimauma to underweight babies in Tampa’s urban slums.”

Looking back, we Servite Sisters can see how blessed our years have been and how all that we have managed to accomplish in the service of the Gospel has been done with the grace of God and the gracious help of the countless people who have been part of our journey.

Looking forward, we see, as St. Paul says, only through a glass, darkly. Here and there we detect faint glimmerings of what the future may have in store for us. As the daughters of those pioneer women who set foot in Ladysmith 100 years ago, those gallant women who always put the needs of others before concern for themselves, whose deep faith, quick wit, and joyful spirit saw them through many a fix, I am confident that we, too, will meet the challenges of our time, with the grace of God and the gracious help of you, our friends and partners in ministry.

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