

## Quilt To Be Tribute To Foundress

One colorful patchwork piece at a time, the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus are stitching together a tribute to their foundress, Cornelia Connelly. And with a year-long bicentennial celebration underway to commemorate Ms.

Connelly's 200th birthday in January, the Sisters' 40-by-40-inch quilt-making project couldn't have come at a better time.

With paint and vibrant fabric patterns in hand, a handful of Sisters from the

New Sharon Retirement Community in Bryn Mawr began working with art therapist Andrea Poggi Mooney to create a nine-block quilt with a reproduction of Ms. Connelly's likeness in the center.

"There are other panels surrounding Cornelia's image," Ms. Poggi Mooney said. "They are all images that the Sisters chose that either have to do with the Society, Cornelia Connelly and her life or her teachings, or the group members and their thoughts about their journeys and lives as Sisters."

And the Sisters were more than willing to take this nimble-fingered journey in honor of Ms. Connelly, who endured unimaginable personal heartache prior to founding the Society in 1846.

"Though each chose her own picture and colors, when put together the pieces form a beautiful, colorful quilt," said Sister Frances McCort. "This reminded us of our own Holy Child Society -- though one, we are many Sisters. Likewise, the quilt is a single piece, but accomplished by a group of older Sisters whose tenacity and perseverance did indeed meet the challenge!"

Also up for the challenge was Philadelphia-area portrait artist Ellen Cooper, whose color portrait of Ms. Connelly will be featured -- albeit as a reproduction -- in the middle of the quilt.

Because of Ms. Cooper's vision in painting Ms. Connelly, and the retired Sisters' diligence in stitching together a patchwork quilt, residents, visitors, and staff at the New Sharon Retirement Community will soon have their very own tribute to Ms. Connelly. The quilt project is expected to conclude by November and will be displayed on New Sharon's walls thereafter.

## DVFS Holds 1st Music Festival

Delaware Valley Friends School (DVFS) will host its inaugural music festival, noon-5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, in the meeting room at the school, 19 E. Central Avenue, Paoli. This is a free, open event to all community members.

The musical festival is being held to showcase DVFS's talented and diverse students, but will also feature live performances from faculty, and alumni, a community drum circle and a jam session. Teachers Dave Calamaro and Tim Simmons, both musicians themselves, will lead the music festival. Their bands, Aquaport and Riverside will be among the performing artists.

DVFS's cooking class will provide refreshments from Norma's Kitchen and will be sold at the event. Proceeds will benefit the DVFS Service Program.

DVFS is a coeducational Quaker college-preparatory school for students with learning differences in grades seven through 12. DVFS has a mission to help its students develop skills to accommodate their unique learning approaches, while managing a challenging academic curriculum.

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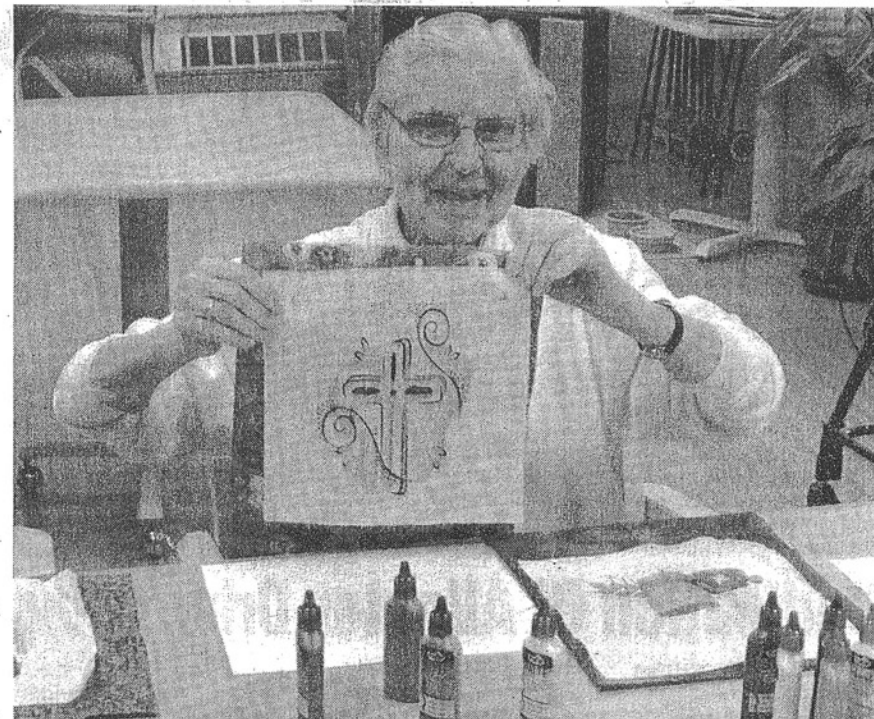
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Retired Sister Frances McCort, of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, displays one of the patchwork pieces that will be part of a quilt to honor the Society's founder Cornelia Connelly. Once complete, the quilt will be on display at the New Sharon Retirement Community.



Art therapist Andrea Poggi Mooney helps Catherine Edgar, a retired Sister of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus design a patchwork piece for a quilt to honor the 200th birthday of the Society's founder, Cornelia Connelly. Once complete, the quilt will be on display at the New Sharon Retirement Community.