

Actions

Waltz With Me

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DEAR FRIENDS,

Our Holy Child family has been on an exciting journey these past several months! In March, a new American Province Leadership Team was announced. Joining me on the team are Kathleen Cordes, SHCJ; Francine Gunther, SHCJ; Carol Ann Knight, SHCJ; and Anita Quigley, SHCJ. We look forward to serving our Sisters, our ministries, and you for the next six years.

Our new team follows in the footsteps of Mary Ann Buckley, SHCJ; Margaret Doyle, SHCJ; Sandra Lincoln, SHCJ; Eileen Moughan, SHCJ; and Marie Ursino, SHCJ. With Sister Mary Ann serving as the leader, the 2011-2017 team worked tirelessly to advance our mission. We are grateful for their service, and extend our prayers and gratitude to them as they begin anew!

In this edition of *ACTIONS*, the theme of "journey" continues with Cornelia Connelly center stage. In the coming pages, you will read how Cornelia's life story inspired British playwright Diane Samuels to write the play *Waltz With Me*. The SHCJ Associates organized a pilgrimage to Grand Coteau, LA, where Cornelia had lived with her husband and five children. Cornelia had later said that the Society had been founded in Grand Coteau "on a breaking heart."

This spring, the American Province's heads of schools traveled to Mayfield, England, to attend the European

Province's Network of Schools' conference. Cornelia had established the first of many Holy Child schools in England.

Beginning on page 11, we honor and recognize our 2017 Jubilarians. We also celebrate the lives of our recently deceased Sisters. They have journeyed throughout Africa, Europe, and North and South America "to meet the wants of the age."

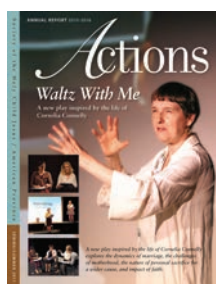
Along the way, we have been blessed with incredible generosity and kindness. We especially thank our 2015-2016 benefactors and friends in the enclosed Annual Donor Report. With you by our side, we are *Handing on the Spirit!* Please accept our heartfelt thanks for advancing our works.

As we prepare for new paths and challenges, let us continue to look to Cornelia for direction – "may (my) life become one simple act of love."

Be assured of the Sisters' and my prayers for your health and safety, especially during the summer months.

Gratefully,

Carroll Juliano, SHCJ
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An Inside Look at *Waltz With Me*

A NEW PLAY REMEMBERING CORNELIA CONNELLY

by Dan Luner, Public Relations Manager, Rosemont College

British playwright Diane Samuels and creative and research consultant Ghislaine Kenyon, a graduate of Mayfield School in England, visited the United States in April 2017 to offer two workshops on their full-length play, *Waltz With Me*. The 90-minute events, which were free and open to the public, took place at Rosemont College in Rosemont, PA, and School of the Holy Child in Rye, NY. The workshops included live music and readings from the latest draft of the script.

“One marriage begins as another one ends.” – Diane Samuels

Waltz With Me is a play with live music, where true life and fiction interweave without interruption. Aggie Byrne, whose character is based on a true story, is a dance teacher and entrepreneur who invites audiences to share the remarkable life story of Cornelia Connelly, which Samuels calls “*The Sound of Music* in reverse.”

Diane Samuels and Ghislaine Kenyon recently met with Simonetta Vanni d’Archirafi, Cornelia’s great-great-granddaughter, and her granddaughters in preparation for the events. “In her warm, serene presence, I like to think we experienced something of Cornelia and I have a feeling that Mother Connelly was smiling about her descendants and a work of theatre coming together to share what she experienced and inspired,” Samuels said.

She added, “This directly applies to coming to Rosemont College and visiting schools in the States. Somewhere I think I hear some divine laughter ringing and encouraging us to celebrate and [of course] continue learning.”



Cornelia’s family visits Mayfield School in England. (from right to left) Francesco Vanni d’Archirafi, great-great-great-grandson of Cornelia, and his mother, Simonetta Vanni d’Archirafi, great-great-granddaughter of Cornelia and great-grand daughter of Frank Connelly; Charlotte, Francesco’s wife; and their two daughters, Caterina and Allegra, great-great-great-granddaughters of Cornelia.



In *Waltz With Me*, the character Aggie, who herself once attended Mayfield, revisits the school for a retirement lunch for a beloved teacher. Struggling to decide whether to leave an unhappy marriage or start a new, happy life with her husband's colleague, Aggie finds herself in the chapel beside Mother Connelly's tomb and turns to her in prayer for guidance. During the divorce that follows, including the loss of custody of her children, Aggie continues to call on Cornelia for solace and hope that she will be reunited with her children, despite the increased alienation from them. Samuels revealed that further in the plot, Aggie's daughter reunites with her mother while her son "wants nothing to do with her."

"The remembrance of my children never leaves me." – Cornelia Connelly

Cornelia's life story weaves and dances alongside and through Aggie's journey, somehow informing and

inspiring her to some kind of redemption. Presently, Mother Connelly is being considered by the Vatican for sainthood. For this to happen, at least two miracles must occur after prayers are made to Cornelia. The play addresses what constitutes a miracle and how this connects with the price she paid to pursue her path of spiritual devotion.

Samuels and Kenyon were neighbors in north London, and their children went to the same primary school. They had bumped into each other after a screening of an opera performance and eventually, the two agreed to meet to discuss some writing tips. Kenyon went on to tell Samuels that she'd been involved in making a short film about the life of the founder of the schools she'd attended and felt it deserved further telling. As soon as Samuels heard Cornelia's story, she was hooked and the twosome agreed to undertake a period of research together.

Throughout the research, the team visited Mayfield, archive sites, burial grounds, and even Rome where they were guests of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. After the readings of the scripts at Mayfield, Samuels developed a second draft and it was given a reading last December in her home by a group of actors.

"Tonight is a true work in progress: Things may change." – Diane Samuels

"This is a play about faith in the broadest sense of the world without limits," Samuels said. "In a world where different belief systems often regard each other with incredulous hostility, I am glad to make a contribution to the exploration of what is in essence, true for all."

The adventurous process of researching, writing and workshopping the play in development with students at Mayfield were steps along the way to realizing Samuels' initial vision. She explained her unorthodox creative process included the utilization of a group psychotherapist to "explore characters and group dynamics" with the Mayfield students. The play itself contains as much about Cornelia's legacy and her impact on the lives of those who have studied in her schools as it does about her personal journey.

Especially significant was Samuel's first visit to Mayfield School on a wintry Ash Wednesday. Raised in the Jewish heritage, she was led to the chapel to her first-ever Catholic mass, and she passed by photographs on the wall of a student production of her play, *Kindertransport*.

Kindertransport remains relevant to this day as it recalls the true-life experiences of Jewish child refugees before and during World War II. Cornelia's commitment to the arts in connection with education rings strongly for Samuels, too.

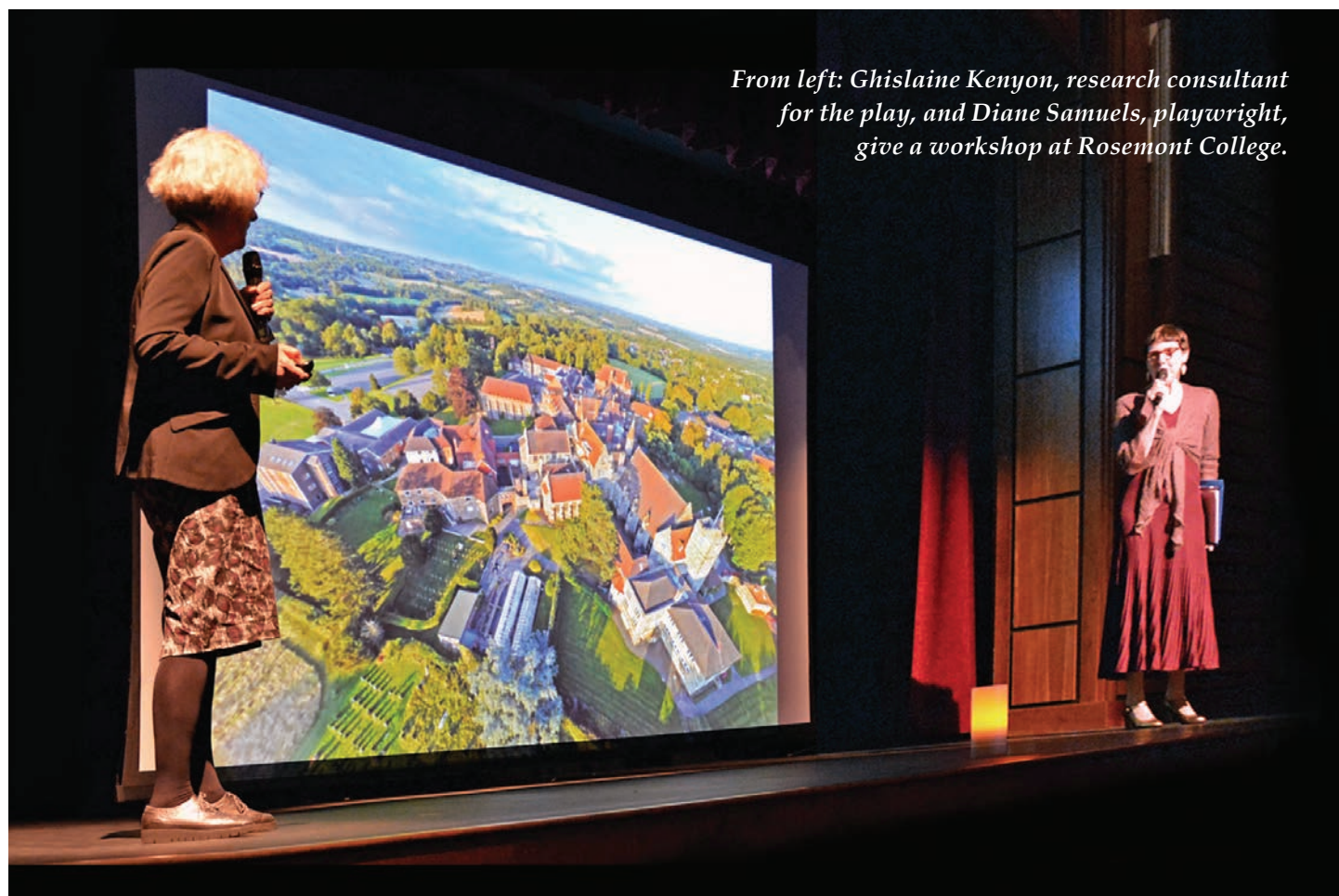
And why the waltz?

In a letter, one of Cornelia's students details how if a girl was ever playing the piano and Cornelia happened to enter the room, she could not help but sweep the nearest student off her feet into a waltz. And so music (waltzes in particular) infuses the action of the play. The motif of the waltz is very important and so far the readings have been accompanied by a pianist playing authentic nineteenth century waltzes. The readings

at Rosemont and School of the Holy Child in Rye had waltzes before and during the readings, especially at key moments. Also to be noted is that the waltz is a romantic dance and so it befits a story that is at its heart about love and Cornelia's marriage to Pierce Connolly.

As a next step, Samuels and Kenyon are preparing to mount full professional productions of this brand new work in the United Kingdom and the United States. The aim is initially to mount high quality professional productions in respected venues in London, New York, and Philadelphia and then see where this takes the play.

Samuels is in the midst of writing the next draft, as she explained "play writing is a rigorous process that requires much rewriting." She aims to have a rehearsal draft ready by the fall of 2017, but she does admit through the process of writing the play she, "tore up a lot of things." The duo invites their audiences to sneak a peek of a modern, dramatic telling of Cornelia's life, which is interwoven with the story of a Mayfield alumna whose family is torn apart when she leaves her husband to pursue her calling as an artist.



From left: Ghislaine Kenyon, research consultant for the play, and Diane Samuels, playwright, give a workshop at Rosemont College.



OUR PILGRIMAGE:

WALKING THE SACRED STEPS OF CORNELIA CONNELLY

by Anita Martineau, SHCJ Associate – American Province



*A pilgrimage is a journey undertaken in light of a story.
A great event has happened; the pilgrim hears the reports and
goes in search of the evidence, aspiring to be an eyewitness.*

- The Life You Save May Be Your Own by Paul Elie



Anita Martineau stands on Oak Alley in Grand Coteau, LA.

Our 23 pilgrims had journeyed from distant places such as Oregon, Arizona, Massachusetts, Ireland, and the Dominican Republic to walk the sacred steps of Cornelia Connelly's life in Louisiana and Mississippi. Organized and planned by the SHCJ Associates, the pilgrimage extended from March 28 – April 3, 2017, and included meaningful and spiritual visits to New Orleans, Grand Coteau, and Natchez.

Cornelia's journey as a Catholic began in New Orleans where she was introduced to church leaders and traditions. She attended her first Mass at the Cathedral of St. Louis and made her profession of faith at Ursuline Convent. Members of the group toured and visited these landmarks and delighted in the flavors of the city, such as jambalaya, po-boys, and beignets.

In the small rural community of Grand Coteau, the Ignatian Spirituality Center became home for us. On arrival, we found gift bags from local SHCJ Associate Sarah Brabant containing items reflecting regional culture: fresh pralines, Spanish moss, voodoo dolls for invoking blessings, and other treasures. Sarah hosted a time-travel adventure

of Cornelia's Grand Coteau, identifying dwellings that existed in Cornelia's time and where Gracemere once stood. The Sacred Heart Sisters offered tours of the school where Cornelia taught, Bishop's Cottage where she lived with her children, and a view of Oak Alley, the path Cornelia walked daily. We gathered for a prayer service at the gravesite of Cornelia's children – Mary Magdalene and John Henry.



The group views the exhibit of the Connelly family's memorabilia at Trinity Church in Natchez, MS.

In Natchez, we toured Trinity Church where Pierce Connelly, Cornelia's husband, was rector. The next stop was St. Mary Basilica where the pastor, staff, and the archivist received our group with warm and gracious southern hospitality. We explored the Basilica's exhibit of Connelly memorabilia and then toured the church.

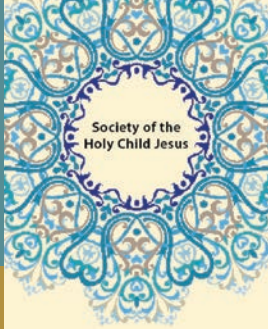
A highlight and culmination of our pilgrimage was Kay Rowan's formal commitment to live the spirit and mission of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus – *to rejoice in God's presence and to help people believe that God lives and acts in them and in our world* – as an SHCJ Associate.

Retracing the footsteps of Cornelia helped us grow in knowledge, grace, unity, friendship, and faith, and we gained a deeper appreciation for the life of Cornelia.

Above: John Boll places a flower on the grave of Cornelia's two children, Mary Magdalene and John Henry.



Kay Rowan receives a blessing after making a formal commitment as an SHCJ Associate.



Appreciation Mass & Brunch

A Love Full of Action

On Sunday, October 16, 2016, approximately 150 friends, family members, SHCJ Associates, and supporters gathered in Rosemont, PA, for the Holy Child Sisters' annual Appreciation Mass & Brunch. With the day's lovely weather, uplifting liturgy, and everyone's joyful spirit, the gathering was another gift to appreciate!

Before the liturgy, Mary Ann Buckley, SHCJ, Province Leader, welcomed the guests and expressed the Holy Child Sisters' heartfelt thanks to the Associates, alumnae, benefactors, family, and friends for supporting the Society's mission. "Gathered here today, I see a community that believes in our mission and helps us respond to the needs of our time with *a love full of action*. We are grateful for all that you do."

Father David Grover, a friend of the Society and nephew of Veronica Grover, SHCJ, presided at the liturgy. SHCJ Associate Rita Fortner and Rosemont Senior School alumna Maureen McTamney served

as the readers. The Prayers of the Faithful were read by Bob McHugh, an SHCJ Associate; Sanaa Waters, a student from Hope Partnership for Education; and Rose Martin, RSM, Ph.D., the Executive Director of Hope Partnership.



Robert Parillo and Caroline Parillo, students of Holy Child School at Rosemont present the offertory gifts.



(left to right) Sanaa Waters of Hope Partnership for Education, and Miriam Hunt Passarella, a Cornelian Society member and member of the Province's Mission Advancement Advisory Board, enjoy the Appreciation Brunch.

Following the liturgy, the guests gathered for brunch, where Sister Mary Ann announced that 11 new people had joined the Cornelian Society in the past year. These individuals have remembered the Society in their will or as a beneficiary of their life insurance policy. To date, the Cornelian Society totals 81 members.

To learn how to support the Holy Child mission and ministries through the Cornelian Society or other gift options, please contact Sandy Lovascio, Director of Mission Advancement, at slovascio@shcj.org or 610.626.1400, ext. 301.



The Handbell Choir from Holy Child Academy in Drexel Hill, PA, performs during the Appreciation Mass.

Below: The core team of the SHCJ Associates attend the 2016 Appreciation Liturgy and Brunch.





American Province Heads of Schools Attend

EUROPEAN NETWORK OF SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

This past March, heads of school from the Holy Child Network of Schools – American Province attended the Holy Child European Network of Schools conference in Blackpool, England. Participants had travelled from four continents – Africa, Europe, and North America and South America – to attend this two-day meeting.

During the conference, the group visited historical sites connected to the Society, including St. Mary's Academy in Layton Hill. On the school's property remains a brick structure that had been built and designed by Cornelia Connelly. Cornelia had purchased the land and erected a building that served as a convent and day and boarding school for girls. European archivist, Judith Lancaster, SHCJ, explained that "this school is the only structure that Cornelia was involved in designing and building herself." Today, the original structure sits in the center of the complex.

After the meeting, Eileen McDevitt, SHCJ, Director of the Holy Child Network of Schools - American Province, arranged a tour of the European Province's archives in Oxford and Mayfield School in Mayfield, England, where Cornelia Connelly is buried. In attendance were heads of school from the American Province and representatives from the African Province.

Timothy Saburn, head of school of Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, NJ, shared that seeing Cornelia's tomb was incredibly moving and spiritual and while there, had reflected on Cornelia's quote – ***Let us never think we have done enough.***

"As I stood there gazing upon her tomb in a building that she raised money to renovate from ruins, I could not help but wonder if she ever expected that her educational and spiritual philosophies would continue into the 21st century with schools and ministries around the world? Would she have believed that her educational vision was so profound and necessary that schools would continue to thrive and educate boys and girls in a holistic style of education that has become the standard for the day? Would she have imagined educators from her beloved home country, her adopted country, and Africa would be kneeling and praying for continued guidance and inspiration at her tomb? Would she think that we had "done enough?"

- Tim Saburn, Head of School
Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child





Heads of schools from the American Province and Sisters from the African Province visit Mayfield School in Mayfield, England, where Cornelia Connelly is buried in the Chapel.

Right: Cornelia Connelly's desk remains on display at Mayfield School in Mayfield, England.



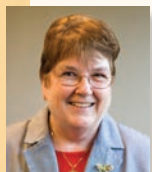
Far right: Mayfield Chapel, located in Mayfield School, is the resting place of Cornelia Connelly.



The European Province Archivist, Judith Lancaster, SHCJ, leads a guided tour of Mayfield School and Chapel.



Congratulations to our 50 Year Jubilarians



EILEEN ALGEO, SHCJ

(Sister Mary St. Daniel)

Surrounded by a close-knit family with deep Irish roots, Sister Eileen's devotion to the Holy Spirit, her parish, and school were nurtured from an early age.

After graduating from Holy Child Academy in Sharon Hill, PA, Sister Eileen brought her caring spirit to the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, where she was a member of the first group of Sisters to receive two additional years of formation. Through this Juniorate Program, the Sisters concentrated on their studies before they started teaching.

Sister Eileen earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and then taught for a total of 10 years at Sts. Peter & Paul School in Fleetwood, NY; St. Edward School in Philadelphia; and St. Ignatius School in Chicago. In 1979, she received a Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola College in Baltimore, MD. From that time forward, her ministry was largely that of

counselor. This included counseling for seniors and children; hospice chaplain at Mercy Medical in Philadelphia; pastoral care at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden, NJ; and nine years as Provincial counselor for the American Province.

After a sabbatical in 2005, Sister Eileen was appointed chaplain at St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington, DE, and in 2009, coordinator of Spiritual Services at Fair Acres Geriatric Center in Lima, PA. Her experience continues to be called upon in Province planning and as a member of the Holy Child Center Board. Beginning July 1, Sister Eileen will serve as the Center's local leader.

Sister Eileen finds great joy and peace in helping people find meaning in life and strength for the journey. Her 50 years as a Holy Child Sister has been filled with delightful surprises, which has strengthened her connections to God's spirit and filled her with an enduring sense of gratitude.



MARY BRODERICK, SHCJ

(Sister Edward Marie)

Sister Mary's name has become almost synonymous with Holy Child School at Rosemont where she served as head of school for 30 years. Educated at Holy Spirit School and Holy Child Academy in Sharon Hill, she

brought a practicality and a keen sense of humor when she entered the Society. After her Juniorate studies, Sister Mary taught at St. Lucy School in Manayunk and Holy Child School at Rosemont. At Annunciation School in Washington, DC, she coordinated the primary grades and then served as principal until 1983 when the Board of Trustees at Rosemont appointed her head of school.

Under her direction, Rosemont School expanded its enrollment, enlarged its buildings, and had several capital campaigns. Sister

Mary served on many boards for the State of Pennsylvania including the Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools (PAIS) of which she was president. She also served and was president of Advancement of Delaware Valley Independent Schools (ADVIS).

All the while, Sister Mary was a generous caregiver for her mother and Rosemary Allen, a long-time staff member at New Sharon. Both received her devoted attention. Sister Mary and her sister Kathleen have visited Ireland to explore their roots as well as visited the Sisters' community in Rome.

Presently, Sister Mary serves on several Province committees and works part-time on planned giving for Holy Child School at Rosemont. In her Jubilee year, she shares that "I am grateful for all of my varied and challenging experiences and the wonderful people in my life."



MARY ANN BUCKLEY, SHCJ

(Sister Mary Ann)

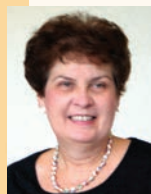
Sister Mary Ann entered the Society of the Holy Child Jesus after graduating from Rosemont College with a degree in classics. From then on, Sister Mary Ann seems to have "run with ardor," first as a religion and English teacher at Rosemont School, then as Assistant Dean at Rosemont College. During this period, she also found time to complete a Master of Arts in Humanities at New York University.

In 1979, in preparation for her next responsibility, she studied at St. Louis University at the Institute of Religious Formation. She then served for five years as Candidate and Novice Director, beginning in Old Westbury, NY, and then in Washington, DC.

In 1986, Sister Mary Ann was elected Superior General and served in Rome for two terms. During these 12 years, the Society established a new mission in Chad and initiated many programs to promote the unity of the international Society. Back in the United States, she studied and worked at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Washington, DC, as well as directed the Formation program for the National Religious Formation Conference.

Sister Mary Ann mastered Spanish and was involved in vocation and formation work for four years in Chile. Meanwhile, in community, she honed her skills as an enthusiastic cook and a devoted gardener.

Appointed Leader of the American Province in 2011, Sister Mary Ann has spent the past six years in a pastoral ministry that combines spiritual leadership and administration.



CARROLL JULIANO, SHCJ

(Sister Dismas Mary)

Sister Carroll first met the Holy Child Sisters when she was a student at Holy Child Academy in Drexel Hill, PA. After graduating from high school at Holy Child Academy in Sharon Hill, she entered the Society of the Holy Child

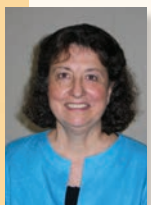
Jesus and taught five years before serving as Provincial Secretary from 1975-1980.

In 1981, Sister Carroll received a degree in Counseling and that became her focus from then on – continuing her education at Caldwell College;

the National Pastoral Life Center; and Life Planning for Ministry. Her ministry for many years was as a consultant, presenter, and facilitator for church groups both nationally and internationally.

All the while she was writing six books and numerous articles - some in her name and others in collaboration with Loughlan Sofield, ST.

Most recently, Sister Carroll served as Coordinator of the Safe Environment Program of the Diocese of Wilmington. In June 2017, she began her term as the Province Leader of the American Province.



KATHLEEN POPIT, SHCJ

(Sister Mary St. Paul)

Sister Kathleen's life began in Waukegan, IL, where she attended Mother of God and St. Anastasia Schools. In 1964, she graduated from Holy Child High School and entered the Society of the Holy Child Jesus.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science in Biology, she taught students at St. Anastasia School in Waukegan; St. Mary School in Melrose, MA; and St. Charles School in Portland, OR. Her teaching also took her to the United Kingdom for an exchange program in Wales.

Sister Kathleen earned a Master of Religious Education degree before serving as Director of Religious Education at both St. Elizabeth Parish in New York City and St. Francis de Sales Parish in Washington, DC.

In 1987, she was called to Africa, where she taught at Holy Child Teacher Training College in Takoradi, Ghana. Upon her return to the United States, she served as the Vocation Director for six years.

In 1995, Sister Kathleen returned to Illinois to serve as Director of Religious Education at St. Dismas Parish in Waukegan and then to teach at Our Lady of Humility School in Zion, where she continues her ministry as a teacher assistant and religion teacher.

Throughout her 50 ministerial years, Sister Kathleen has traveled extensively and visited three continents. She has had the joy and privilege to serve with many dedicated women and men. Most of all, however, it has been the children she has taught who have benefited from her devotion.



TOBIE TONDI, SHCJ

(Sister M. St. David)

In 1964, Sister Tobie entered the Society of the Holy Child Jesus after graduating from Holy Child High School in Waukegan, IL. A gifted artist, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Art from Rosemont College and taught art at the School

of the Holy Child in Suffern, NY, and Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, NJ.

While teaching at Oak Knoll, Sister Tobie resumed her studies and earned a Master of Arts in Theology. After completing her graduate work in theology, she taught religion at Oak Knoll and Cornelia Connelly School of the Holy Child in Anaheim, CA.

In 1979, she was called to administration and served as head of school at St. Leonard's Academy (1979-1981) and then at Cornelia Connelly School

in Anaheim (1982-1992). A sabbatical led to additional graduate studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome where she was awarded her Doctor of Sacred Theology degree and the biretta, which she is privileged to wear at all academic gatherings.

For 11 years, Sister Tobie taught in the Religious Studies Department and served as the Vice President for Mission at Rosemont College. After Rosemont, she returned to Summit, NJ, where she taught at Assumption College for Sisters and supported theology programs for Oak Knoll parents. Next, she moved to San Diego where she continues to serve in the theology department of the University of San Diego. Recently, Sister Tobie was called to assist in the Diocesan Synod of San Diego, the response to the two-year Roman synod on the family.

When asked how theology professors relax, she suggested by listening to opera, sipping red wine, and spending time with a pet dog!

Congratulations to our 60 Year Jubilarians



NANCY HAGENBACH, SHCJ

(Mother Agnes Mary)

As one of its founders, Sister Nancy will forever be associated with Providence Center in Philadelphia. When the Archdiocese of Philadelphia closed St. Edward Parish and School in 1993, the Society was eager to maintain the presence of the Holy Child spirit in the Fairhill section of Philadelphia. Sister Nancy, along with Peggy Doherty, SHCJ, was asked to inaugurate Providence Center.

Sister Nancy brought 30 years of teaching experience, which included positions at St. Elizabeth School in New York City; Holy Child Academy in Old Westbury, NY; Oak Knoll School of Holy Child Summit, NJ; and the School of the Holy Child in Suffern, NY, where she served as principal. She also served as a local superior for Sisters' community in Rye, NY, and in parish ministry at St. Joseph Social Services in Elizabeth, NJ.

Sister Nancy's gifts and experiences prepared her for the challenge of building a network of volunteers and benefactors for Providence Center. Sisters Nancy and Peggy conducted home visits and became well acquainted with their neighbors, learning their hopes and needs. As a result, classes in English as a Second Language (ESL) and an after-school program were launched. Later, sewing and prayer groups for women were developed. After 23 years, Providence Center has become a beacon of hope in one of Philadelphia's most violent neighborhoods.

Although she is no longer the Center's Director, Sister Nancy continues to fundraise and teach an ESL class. In addition, for many years she has been a faithful volunteer at Dawn's Place where she helps women victimized by trafficking.



JEANNE MARIE HATCH, SHCJ

(Mother Mary Jeanne)

From her high school days at St. Leonard's Academy, Sister Jeanne has been steeped in Holy Child history and spirit. She started her teaching ministry in Washington, DC, at Annunciation School, before moving to Philadelphia to teach at Holy Spirit School and St. Leonard's Academy, where she also spent four years as principal. She then returned to Annunciation School to serve as its principal for six years.

In 1977, Sister Jeanne moved to Pasadena, CA, where she was head of school of Mayfield Junior School of the Holy Child Jesus for 10 years. After a sabbatical year at Weston, MA, she was called to be the head of school, this time at Holy Child Academy in Old Westbury on Long Island, NY.

Sister Jeanne embraced her next ministry as Vocation Director for the American Province, which was both challenging and rewarding. In this role, she represented the Society's charism and shared its rich heritage in programs, retreats and printed materials.

Sister Jeanne's easy rapport with college-age students enabled her to seamlessly take on the role of Vice President for Mission and Ministry at Rosemont College, a position she still holds after 13 years. Guided by the principles of Cornelia Connelly, she orients the various college constituencies in the Society's heritage and Catholic identity through discussions, book clubs, presentations, and special celebrations, including Heritage Week (October) and Founders' Week (April).

Sister Jeanne is enthusiastic about her mission and says, "As I celebrate 60 blessed years as a professed Holy Child Sister, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and filled with 'abundant jubilee of heart.'"

*Let us love one another
and be filled
with the charity of God.*

- CORNELIA CONNELLY

Congratulations to our 70 Year Jubilarians



GLORIA COLEMAN, SHCJ

(Mother Edmund Campion)

Sister Gloria is one of the few Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus actively involved with ecumenism and interreligious affairs, which has been her focus since 1973. By then, she had been an accomplished

teacher, a principal, and a supervisor of Holy Child elementary schools. Following her term on the Provincial Council, she served on the Cardinal's Commission for Human Relations of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. She admits that she felt unprepared for this new apostolate, except for the fact that she had grown up in New York City with Jewish neighbors and classmates.

The Vatican II document *Nostra Aetate* encouraged dialogue and

offered new opportunities for her to speak in synagogues and at Jewish organizations, thus developing a new relationship for the Church. Visits to Israel broadened her knowledge, especially in the area of the Holocaust. She collaborated with the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education to produce *Abraham, Our Father in Faith*, the first Catholic Holocaust curriculum in the country.

In 1989, when Sister Gloria returned to formal education at St. Therese of the Child Jesus School and ten years as Director of the middle school of the Academy of Notre Dame, she continued her interfaith work and served for several years as the executive director of the Interfaith Council on the Holocaust. In 2004, she was a founding board member of the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia. As an Emeritus Chair, Sister Gloria continues to serve on the Center's board.



ROSEMARY HAYES, SHCJ

(Mother Francis Jerome)

Sister Rosemary has been a fighter since her birth on March 25, 1927. Weighing under two pounds, she clung to life after her twin brother died within two hours of birth. Today, she celebrates 70 years of apostolic work.

As a first-grade student at St. Anastasia School in Waukegan, IL, Sister Rosemary wanted to be a Holy Child Sister. She entered the Society after graduating from Holy Child High School in Waukegan, IL. She taught at St. Walburga School in New York City and St. Ignatius School in Chicago. She was also a founding member of Assumption BVM School in Pasadena, CA, and St. Patrick School in Wadsworth, IL.

From 1963-1969, Sister Rosemary served as a reading consultant for the Archdiocese of Chicago, with 38 elementary schools under her care. After seven more years of teaching at St. Ignatius and St. Edward Schools, she received a mission assignment to West Africa.

Sister Rosemary fondly shares stories from her 21 years in Africa, where her ministries included training future teachers in Takoradi, Ghana; welcoming new students to St. Ann Secondary School in Otukpo, Nigeria; and teaching seminarians at St. Augustine Major Seminary in Roma, Lesotho. While residing in Cross River State, Nigeria, she taught at St. Joseph Nursery School; prepared many for the sacraments at Holy Cross Mission; and served as Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Ogoja.

In 1997, Sister Rosemary returned to the American Province to join the Holy Child Mission Office at Dalton Center, where she was responsible for mission appeals in parishes and education talks in schools. In August 2016, she was welcomed by the Holy Child Center community in Rosemont, where she takes to heart the message she often gave in parishes and schools: "We are meant to be missionaries right where we are, bringing God's love and God's word to everyone we meet."



ALICE PENROSE, SHCJ

(Mother Mary Dermot)

Impressed by the spirit of the Holy Child Sisters who taught her at West Catholic Girls High School, Sister Alice entered the Society after graduation. After five

years teaching at St. Edward School, she was missioned to St. Charles School in Portland, OR, where she taught for eight years. In 1960, Sister Alice's next mission took her to Nigeria, where for 10 years she taught in the teacher training college in Ifuho. During those years, the Biafran War erupted. The sound of bombers flying over became a daily, frightening experience. While the convent was spared, the college was hit, and the Holy Child Sisters were called home.

Sister Alice's next challenge was to open a house and to build St. Anne Secondary School in Otukpo, Nigeria. With the help of Holy Child Sisters, the school was up and running within five years and remains open today.

Sister Alice welcomed a return to Philadelphia to be near her aging mother. For a few years, she taught at Holy Child Academy and St. Edward School, until she learned that nurses were needed at Holy Child Center in Rosemont. At age 55, Sister Alice returned to school to earn an Associate's degree and RN at Hahnemann University. She spent five years nursing at Holy Child Center then eight years at Marydale in Newark, DE. She then assumed responsibility for the Holy Child Sisters living at Haverford Estates. Her next move was to the Sisters' community in Bryn Mawr, PA, where she served as the house treasurer and oversaw the management of the home.

Sister Alice cared for Joan McIntyre, SHCJ, during her battle with ovarian cancer. In 2015, both had volunteered to be members of the new Daylesford Crossing community in Paoli, PA, but Sister Joan died before the move. Today, Sister Alice resides at Daylesford Crossing, where she continues her hobby of counted cross-stitch.

Congratulations to our 70 Year Jubilarians

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ANNE RUSH, SHCJ

(Mother Mary Kieran)

As the firstborn of eight children, Sister Anne learned at an early age from her mother how to care for her siblings. Later on, it was her mother who supported her vocation, despite the strong objections of her father. Sister Anne's life has reflected both the strength and the kindness of her mother.

Sister Anne was educated at Most Blessed Sacrament School and West Catholic Girls High School in Philadelphia, where she was inspired by the Holy Child Sisters. After high school graduation, she worked for two years before entering the Society. She was greatly relieved when her father accepted her vocation, once he knew that she was happy. Sister Anne was indeed happy teaching for 27 years at St. Elizabeth School in New York City; St. Lucy School and St. Leonard's Academy in Philadelphia; Holy Child School at Rosemont; and Holy

Spirit School in Sharon Hill. In 1973, Sister Anne was called to a new ministry. For 15 years, she loved and cared for our older Sisters as superior at Cornelian House in Sharon Hill and at Holy Child Center in Rosemont.

She loved her work but was delighted to have a sabbatical year in Rome, where she found the Regina Mundi Program very enriching. Upon her return, Sister Anne directed the Cornelia Connelly Association, whose members made vestments to send to missions worldwide. As the need for vestments dwindled, the Association ended its 74 years of service.

Sister Anne was an early member of the Sisters' community at St. Eugene Parish in Primos, PA. These were 14 happy years for her, whose prayerful presence and cheerful participation won the hearts of the parishioners. Now at Holy Child Center, Sister Anne can be counted on to pray for special intentions with the same cheerfulness and devotion that has characterized her entire apostolic life.



MAUREEN WIDMEIER, SHCJ

(Mother Maureen)

Sister Maureen was the ninth of 13 children in a large Philadelphia family, who were members of St. Edward Parish in Philadelphia. It was at St. Edward School where she came to know and love the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus. Three years after graduating from John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School, she entered the Society, as her older sister Elizabeth (Mother Mary Flavia) had done ten years earlier. As a teacher, she excelled with younger children. Her teaching career of 30 years took her to Melrose, MA; Portland, OR; Pasadena, CA; New York City; and Fleetwood, NY.

In addition to teaching, Sister Maureen continued her education and earned a Master of Theology and a license in massage therapy. She spent her sabbatical year at Trinity College in Washington, DC, which brought a new focus to her ministry. Since then, she has been involved in parish social services and served as a dedicated volunteer at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Nutritional Development Services for 18 years.

Her love of prayer has been a constant. Today she combines contemplation and action in North Philadelphia where she ministers at St. Francis Inn and receives spiritual nourishment from the nearby Medical Mission Sisters.

Congratulations to our 75 Year Jubilarian



MARGARET NABB, SHCJ

(Mother Margaret Alacoque)

Throughout her 75 years as a Holy Child Sister, Sister Margaret has lived fully and contributed generously. A gifted artist from a family of artists, she never believed that art should be a private subject. Seeing beauty everywhere, she taught art, studied it, encouraged young artists, and even launched an art studio at West Catholic Girls High School, her alma mater. From her studies and visits abroad, she always returned with pictures and slides to share with others, including audiences that extended beyond the Holy Child Sisters.

Sister Margaret has always had a keen interest in the Church of

Philadelphia, beginning with her early years at St. Boniface School. In 1970, she was invited to teach a class in Christian Art in the Theology Division of St. Charles Seminary. For ten years, she was an inspiration to young seminarians, who frequently kept in touch with her. In later years, her outreach included St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, as well as the inner-city program for feeding the homeless at Old St. Joseph Church.

These are only highlights of Sister Margaret's rich life of service. Reluctant to speak of her own achievements, she prefers to point out the success of former students. Least of all will she admit to the heights of zeal and depths of faithful love which prompted her apostolic activities.

Remembrances



Veronica Grover, SHCJ
(Mother Mary Agnese)

February 16, 1930 – April 11, 2017

Early in life, Sister Veronica was drawn to the Holy Child Sisters for their compassion and humanity and so she decided to enter the Society after high school. She first taught at St. Mary School in Melrose, MA; St. James School in Philadelphia; Our Lady of Lourdes School in New York City; and St. Edward School in Philadelphia. She taught 13 years at West Catholic High School, where she introduced African-American history into the curriculum. At John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School, Sister Veronica introduced an alternative program promoting race relations. 1976 marked a decisive point in her ministry as she began to work for the National Catholic Education Association as Director of the newly-established Office for Justice and Peace Education. She helped to develop the first curriculum for justice and peace education titled *Seeking A Just Society*.

In 1982, she helped to establish a justice and peace center in Charlotte, NC. She authored *Achieving Social Justice*, a textbook for high school students. In 1987, St. Luke Catholic Church was established in Charlotte, with Father Joseph Mulligan, the nephew of Helen Mulligan, SHCJ. These two pioneers built a community noted for its hospitality and outreach. In 1990, Sister Veronica was commissioned by the Glenmary Research Center to write a case study *Human Life in the Service of Profit*. While at St. Luke's, Sister Veronica gathered a large number of SHCJ Associates.



Mary Jane Hicks, SHCJ
(Mother Mary Collette)

July 10, 1931 – February 24, 2017

Sister Mary Jane's teaching ministry spanned 22 years. She taught at St. Anastasia School in Waukegan, IL before becoming principal of St. Patrick School in Wadsworth, IL and then St. Veronica School in Chicago, IL. She returned to the classroom and taught at Holy Child High School in Waukegan, IL; Holy Child Academy in Old Westbury, NY; and Saint Ignatius School in Chicago.

Beginning in 1976, Sister Mary Jane served as the school secretary at Annunciation School in Washington, D.C., was a pastoral assistant at St. Bridget Church in Westbury, NY, and business manager at the Holy Child provincial offices. She then served as a pastoral associate at Holy Cross Parish in Las Cruces, NM, and Queen of Peace Parish in Chicago.

A move to Rome, Italy, was next, where for five years, Sister Mary Jane served her community in several ways. Upon returning to Pennsylvania in 2001, Sister Mary Jane volunteered at Holy Child School at Rosemont and taught English as a Second Language at Providence Center in Philadelphia. She joyfully participated in local activities, especially at Holy Child Center and Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish.



Rosemary McSorley, SHCJ
(Mother Mary Beata)

January 31, 1932 – December 2, 2016

Sister Rosemary was the youngest of a large Irish Catholic Philadelphia family where she was called Roey, the name she preferred throughout her life. After high school, she struggled with her vocation, uncertain about joining her sister Eleanor as a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; or Mary who was a Sister of Mercy; or Therese who was then Mother St. John, SHCJ.

In 1950, Sister Roey decided to become a Holy Child Sister. Of her 20 years of teaching, she spent most of her time in three schools: St. Leonard's Academy in Philadelphia; St. Ignatius School in Chicago; and Our Lady of Lourdes in New York City. She also taught at St. Anastasia School in Waukegan, IL and St. Patrick School in Wadsworth, IL.

In 1972, Sister Roey volunteered for the Society's ministry in Chile, resulting in her being there when the elected government was overthrown and a reign of terror followed. On her return to the United States, she began parish ministry in Summit, NJ.

In 1978, Sister Roey began an assignment that lasted 33 years at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Pompton Plains, NJ. During these years, she attended Seton Hall Law School and passed the New Jersey bar in 1992. For 15 years, Sister Roey practiced non-profit family law.



Mary Owen O'Gorman, SHCJ
(Mother Mary Owen)

July 27, 1928 – December 12, 2016

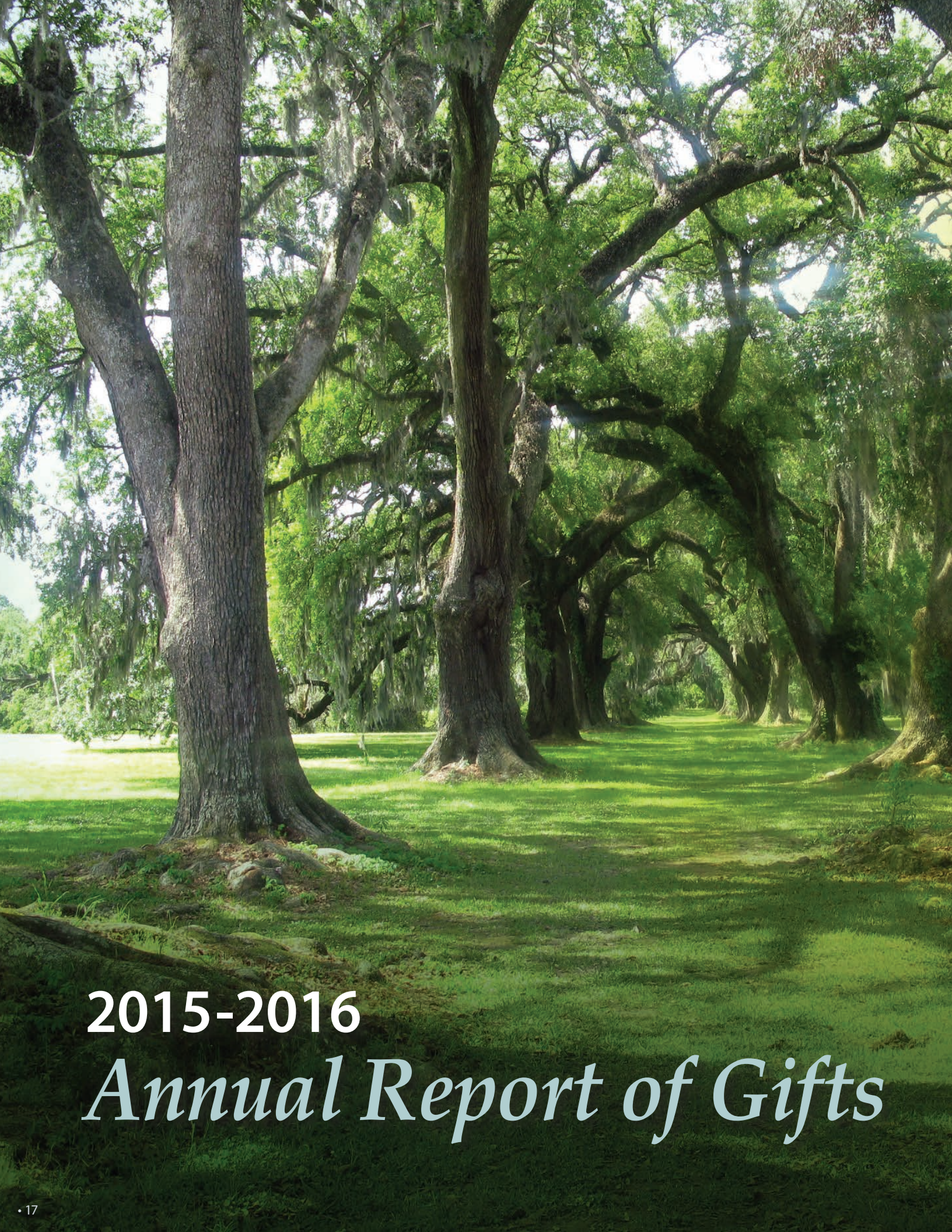
Sister Mary Owen came from a family of religious vocations. Two of her aunts were Holy Child Sisters:

Sister Mary Immaculata and Mother Marie Madeleine. Both of her brothers became priests. She was drawn to the Holy Child Sisters by her love of Cornelia Connelly.

Sister Mary Owen's teaching ministry extended 38 years. She taught for 23 years at four schools: St. Elizabeth School in New York; Sts. Peter and Paul School in Mt. Vernon, NY; St. Mary School in Melrose, MA; and St. Veronica School in Chicago, IL.

For 15 years, she served as a teacher and principal at Our Lady of Lourdes School in New York City. In 1989, she became a mentor in the Fordham Intern Fellowship Program where she coached intern-teachers. In 1996, she moved to the Holy Child community in Rye, NY, where she volunteered at School of the Holy Child.

In 2014, Sister Mary Owen moved to Holy Child Center in Rosemont, PA, where continued to be a faithful alumna of Saint Walburga Academy and a spirited and loving member of the community.



2015-2016
Annual Report of Gifts



Our Annual Report acknowledges those who have given between September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016 to our Annual Appeal as well as those who have given to our ministries in the Dominican Republic and Chile, the Awards Dinner, memorial and honor gifts, bequests, gifts-in-kind, and in support of our mission in the African Province. We are grateful for the generosity of our alums, family, and friends.

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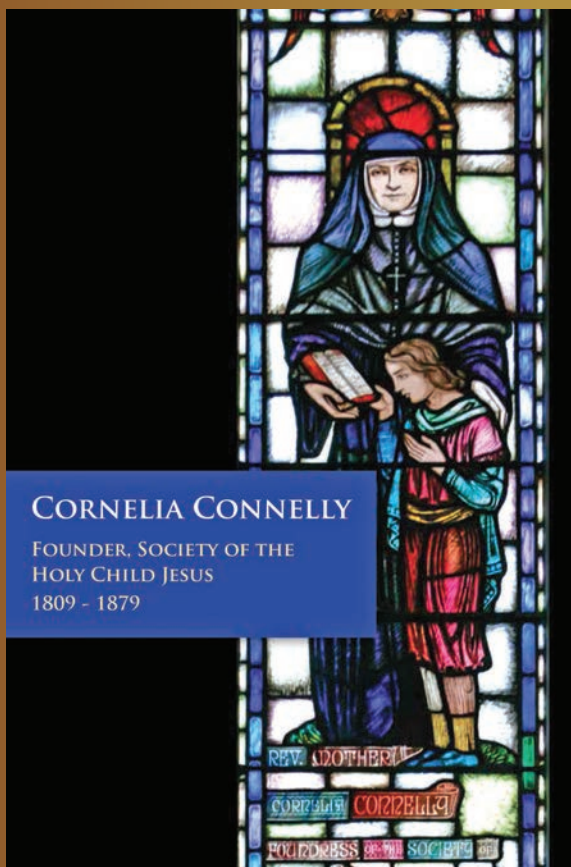
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Why I Give....

Tracy and I were enlightened to hear how the Society has grown throughout the world and remain inspired by the Sisters' work. We have had recent conversations on helping the Society in the future, particularly when we are no longer here. As a result, Tracy and I have decided to include the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in our estate plan and become official members of the Cornelian Society.

- Richard C. and Tracy Hare

Summary of Annual Appeal Giving

Alums	\$153,602
Academy of the Holy Child - Cheyenne, WY	\$ 200
Academy of the Holy Child - Portland	\$ 9,176
Holy Child Academy - Sharon Hill, PA	\$ 34,712
Holy Child High School - Waukegan, IL	\$ 24,907
School of the Holy Child - Suffern, NY	\$ 18,349
School of the Holy Child, Senior School - Rosemont, PA	\$ 4,972
St. Leonard's Academy - Philadelphia, PA	\$ 39,683
St. Leonard's Boys School - Philadelphia, PA	\$ 5,195
Annunciation School - Washington, DC	\$ 450
Holy Spirit School - Sharon Hill, PA	\$ 240
St. Anastasia's School - Waukegan, IL	\$ 350
St. Edward's School - Philadelphia, PA	\$ 325
St. Elizabeth's School - New York, NY	\$ 1,100
St. Ignatius School - Chicago, IL	\$ 2,870
St. Mary's School - Melrose, MA	\$ 9,163
St. Rose Parish School - Portland, OR	\$ 200
St. Veronica School - Chicago, IL	\$ 125
West Catholic Girls High School - Philadelphia, PA	\$ 1,585
Family	\$ 126,222
Friends	\$ 257,581
Archdioceses	\$ 26,356
Organizations	\$ 3,853
Corporations/Foundations/Matching Gifts	\$ 70,402
Parishes	\$ 22,300
Schools & Class Gifts	\$ 12,614
TOTAL GIVING ANNUAL APPEAL	\$672,930

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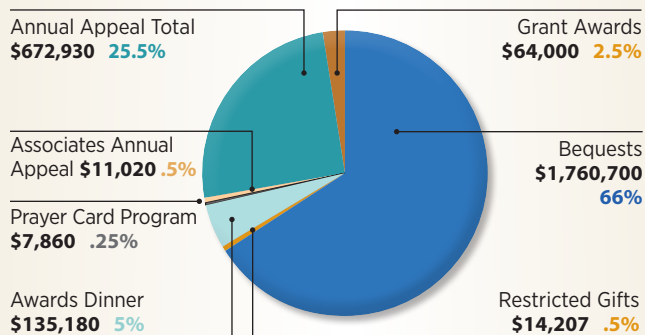
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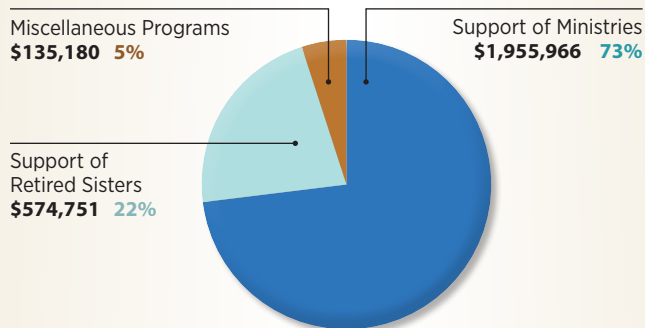
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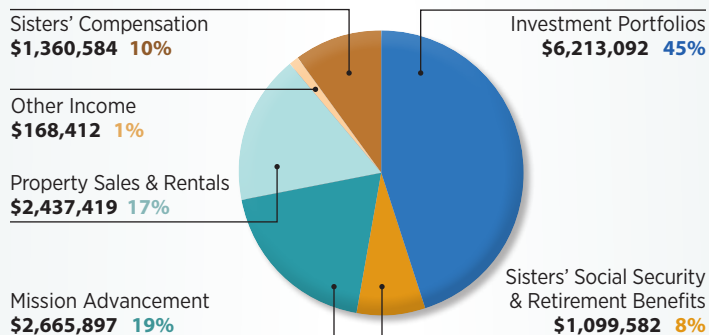
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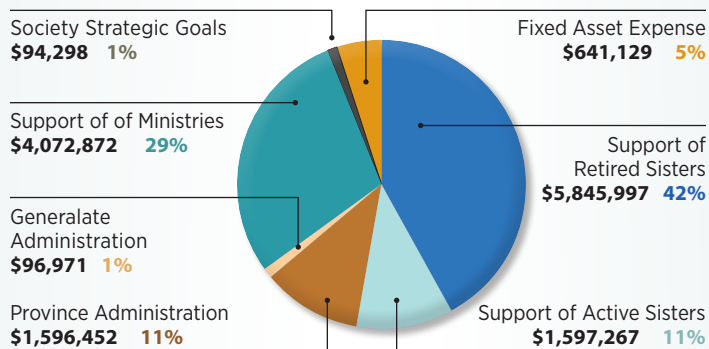
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2017 HOLY CHILD AWARDS DINNER

Handing on the Spirit



On Thursday, March 16, 2017, the Society of the Holy Child Jesus hosted its Ninth Annual Holy Child Awards Dinner at Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, PA. The evening offered a wonderful evening to celebrate our Holy Child spirit!

With 175 people in attendance, the Awards Dinner honored William "Will" Martin, *Holy Child Spirit Award* recipient, and Stephane "Sam" Fleetman, *Faith in Action Award* recipient. We congratulate and thank Will and Sam for "Handing on the Spirit" through their Actions Not Words!

Miriam Hunt Passerella, alumna of St. Leonard Academy in Philadelphia, served as the master of ceremonies.

2017 Holy Child Spirit Award Recipient

Will, a 2002 graduate of Holy Child School at Rosemont, was awarded the Holy Child Spirit Award for exemplifying the characteristics of service that are hallmarks of the Holy Child tradition. Will is passionate about quality education for disadvantaged youths. He volunteered at a rural elementary school in Uganda, and in 2012, began teaching at Abaarso School of Science and Technology in Somalia. After earning a master's degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education in 2016, he began a teaching at Brownsville



Ascend Middle School in Brooklyn, NY. This public charter school strives to equip every student to succeed in college and beyond.

Judith Cassidy, faculty member of Holy Child School at Rosemont, presents William Martin with the 2017 Holy Child Spirit Award.

2017 Faith in Action Award Recipient

An alumna of Holy Child Academy in Sharon Hill, PA, Sam was awarded the Faith in Action Award for her spirit of joy, active love, and generosity through her career, community, and philanthropic efforts. She is the owner and CEO of Mustang Expediting, Inc., an award-winning certified Women's Business Enterprise (WBE). Sam was the first female president of the Philadelphia Delaware Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and is currently the Chairman of the Board of the State Headquarters of this Association — only the second female Chairman in 84 years. Her

charitable works extend into many areas, including education, preservation, and local interests.



(left) Stephanie "Sam" Fleetman receives the 2017 Faith in Action Award from Mary Jane Carty Stahler.



Students from Holy Child ministries gave the Invocation (from left) Caroline Daly '19 of Holy Child Academy in Drexel Hill; Yasir Williams '19 of Hope Partnership for Education in Philadelphia; Emerson Fehrenbach '18 of Holy Child School at Rosemont; and Virgen Cruz-Torres of Providence Center in Philadelphia.



The Society
of the Holy Child Jesus
announces the appointment
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The Cornelian Society

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“Generosity, generosity, generosity must be the beginning and ending of our life.”

– Cornelia Connelly



The Ellyn McCann, SHCJ Fund

Ellyn McCann, SHCJ began her career as a teacher. She taught at St. Edward and St. Lucy Schools in Philadelphia and at Holy Spirit School in Sharon Hill. In 1973 she asked the American Province Leader for permission to serve in Africa. It was to be for only a two-year period, but for Sister Ellyn, it became a life-time commitment.

Sister Ellyn delighted in Africa's cultures, customs, foods, and ways of viewing life. She was alert to the needs in the African Province and rejoiced in her ministry and service for others. When she returned to the American Province in 1983, she became an enthusiastic fundraiser and continued to travel to Africa.



Regina Zoot, SHCJ, receives financial support from the Ellen McCann, SHCJ, Fund. Sister Regina currently lives in community with the Holy Child Sisters in Bryn Mawr, PA, and is preparing to take the nursing boards.

A framed piece of needlework Sister Ellyn displayed in her room, with outlines of America and Africa linked by the Society's seal with the words - *My memories of love will be of you* - captured her life and work.

In 1995, Sister Ellyn died at the young age of 55. Knowing her love and commitment to the American and African Provinces, her family and friends established the Ellyn McCann, SHCJ Fund.

The Fund provides financial support for Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus from the African Province while they are studying in the United States and preparing for their ministries in Ghana, Nigeria, Chad, and the Dominican Republic. Many of the Sisters receive scholarships for their studies and reside with Holy Child Sisters; however, there are many expenses beyond tuition, especially in this technological age.

If you are interested in "*Handing on the Spirit*" that Sister Ellyn exemplified and supporting the mission of the Society, gifts in support of the Ellyn McCann, SHCJ Fund can be mailed to:

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Thursday, March 22, 2018
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