



DEAR FRIENDS,

In his book *Making Saints*, Kenneth Woodward, former religion editor of *Newsweek* magazine, writes "Of all the ...causes to reach the Congregation (for the Causes of Saints)...none is more arresting than the case of Mother Connelly, founder of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus."

Beginning on the next page, you can read about the Society of the Holy Child Jesus' ongoing journey to promote Venerable Cornelia Connelly's case for sainthood in *The Road to Canonization: The Cause for Cornelia Connelly* by Carlotta Bartone, SHCJ. I am grateful to Sister Carlotta, former postulator and now assistant postulator, for providing us with a concise but full explanation of a complex process. On page six, we offer suggestions on how you can help the Sisters advance Cornelia's cause. Please join us in this important work.

This past winter, the American Province gave witness to a *Love Full of Action* when Holy Child Associates and Sisters volunteered to serve immigrant families at a shelter in San Diego, CA. On page seven, Margaret Doyle, SHCJ, provides an account of her first days at the shelter and the inspiring people she met along the way. I am especially grateful to our Holy Child Associates who collaborated with the Sisters on this project and shared so generously of their time and treasure to support the neediest among us.

On June 22, 2019, the American Province will celebrate the Jubilee Year of 10 Holy Child Sisters. Collectively, these Sisters have served 640 years in educational, social justice, and health and healing ministries. On page 36, our Province recognizes and congratulates this year's Jubilarians.

This edition of ACTIONS features the 2017-2018 Annual Report, representing gifts made to the Society of the Holy Child Jesus – American Province between

September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018. As expressed at the 2018 Appreciation Event in Melrose, MA (see page nine), the Sisters and I are enormously thankful for the support of our Associates, alumnae/i, friends, and collaborators. Their generosity helps the Society meet the needs of the age and serve more than 20,000 people annually.

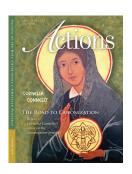
In January, I announced that our Sisters' work in the Dominican Republic is nearing completion. On the inside back cover, you will find an official letter from me that outlines more details and the upcoming transition. I am deeply grateful to the Sisters, Holy Child Volunteers, Associates, friends, and collaborators who built and maintained this mission site, which has served impoverished Haitian migrants for more than two decades. We can move forward with confidence knowing that the Holy Child spirit and educational philosophy will continue beyond the Sisters' lifetime.

On behalf of the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus, thank you for your love and support of our Founder, mission, and ministries. And in the words of Cornelia, "God bless you with His own loving goodness."

Gratefully,

Carroll Juliano, SHCJ

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On Our Cover: Mary Kerner, SHCJ, wrote the icon of Cornelia Connelly for Nancy Bello, SHCJ, on the occasion of Sister Nancy's initial vows in the Society, March 2006

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THE ROAD TO CANONIZATION:

The Cause for Cornelia Connelly

By Carlotta Bartone, SHCJ

Carlotta Bartone, SHCJ, JCL, shares the details of the ongoing journey to promote Cornelia Connelly, Founder of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, for beatification and eventual canonization. Sister Carlotta provides a historical overview of the Roman Catholic Church's canonization process and then explains where Cornelia's cause stands today.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ATTAIN THE STATUS OF A SAINT, AND HOW DOES ONE BECOME A SAINT?

In the first years after Christ's death, His followers were persecuted for their faith. Those who were willing to suffer martyrdom rather than deny their faith were considered Saints and venerated as such. As time went on, the making of Saints was a spontaneous act of the local Christian community, and those who lived holy and exemplary lives were acclaimed as Saints. In the Middle Ages, the founders of religious orders, both men and women, were added to the list of Saints. By their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, they were considered confessors, as opposed to martyrs, and were typified according to their gender and state of life. Men were bishops, priests, or monks; women were virgins or widows.

From the fifth to the tenth century, bishops assumed greater control over the process of declaring Saints. They insisted that petitioners provide written accounts of a candidate's purported miracles, life, virtues, and death. It was found that some who had been acclaimed as Saints were not truly worthy of the title.

As a result, by the 12th century, the Church gradually developed a legal process of investigation into the lives of candidates for Sainthood. Witnesses were called and evidence was gathered to determine whether the candidate's reputation for holiness was deserved. Starting in the late 12th century, the papacy required posthumous miracles as signs from God, especially for non-martyrs, to confirm the candidate's reputation for holiness and proof of heroic Christian virtue.

WHAT STEPS WERE TAKEN TO BEGIN THE PROCESS FOR CANONIZATION?

As noted earlier, the Church's procedure for canonization had undergone great change throughout the centuries. The eminent canonist Prospero Lambertini, who later became Pope Benedict XIV, meticulously documented the process in five volumes that were published between 1734 – 1738. This multi-volume work remained in force until the revision and promulgation of the Code of Canon Law in 1917. This Code remained unchanged and governed the Church until 1983, when it was revised after Vatican Council II.

The process of canonization begins at the diocesan level. The Episcopal process consists of the local bishop verifying the reputation of the person, ensuring that a biography exists, as well as collecting

eye witness testimony and the person's written works. All of this information, known as the *Positio*, is then forwarded to Rome.

The apostolic process consists of reviewing the evidence submitted, collecting more evidence, studying the cause, investigating any alleged miracles, and eventually forwarding the cause to the Pope for his approval.

Portrait of Cornelia at the time of her wedding

PRAYER TO OBTAIN THE BEATIFICATION OF VENERABLE CORNELIA CONNELLY

O God, who chose Cornelia Connelly to found the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, inspiring her to follow the path marked out by your divine son, obedient from the crib to the cross, let us share her faith, her obedience and her unconditional trust in the power of your love.

Grant us the favor we now implore through her intercession.... and be pleased to glorify, even on earth, your faithful servant, through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.



CORNELIA CONNELLY

Founder, Society of the Holy Child Jesus 1809 - 1879

WHERE DO MIRACLES COME IN?

All the work done up to this point is, in view of the Church, the product of rigorous human investigation and judgment, but fallible nonetheless. "Divine signs" confirming the Church's judgment regarding the virtue of the Servant of God are needed for beatification and canonization. The Church takes as a divine sign a miracle performed through the intercession of the candidate. The process of approving a miracle is as rigorously juridical as the investigation of heroic virtue.

At some stage it became common to allege as part of the "case" in favor of regarding a deceased Christian as a Saint, that miracles were taking place as a result of his/her intercession. This was taken as definitive proof that the person must already be in Heaven and able to intercede with God on our behalf. Thus, the notion gradually developed that miracles are evidence that a deceased person is indeed a Saint.

However, what was not clear for many centuries was *how many* miracles were necessary. Ultimately, it depended on the Pope's final approval.

At this time, the Code of Canon Law required two or more different miracles, depending on their verifiability. After beatification, at least two more miracles were required for canonization. There was an exception, however. The law specifically noted that if miracles were lacking, the Pope could dispense with the requirement.

At the present time, after beatification, the Pope can forgo the second miracle for canonization. Thus, currently one miracle is needed for beatification and one for canonization. As noted, the Pope may dispense with one or both.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH CORNELIA?

After Cornelia's death in 1879, the second Mother General of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus asked one of the Sisters to collect Cornelia's writings, evidently with a view to eventually writing a biography and possibly introducing Cornelia's cause for beatification. The same Mother General later asked the Sister to destroy all the writings. Fortunately, on the advice of her confessor, the Sister disobeyed the order. However, it took until 1922 for the first biography of Cornelia to be published. In 1924, the Society of the Holy Child Jesus' General Chapter, which is the governing body of the Holy Child Sisters' congregation, decided to formally introduce the cause for beatification of Cornelia.

French Jesuit Père H.M. Le Bachelet judged that Cornelia's cause should begin without further delay, and in the next few years formal depositions about the life and virtues of Cornelia were made.

In 1924, a revised and abridged version of Cornelia's life was published for a wider audience. That same year the Society's General Chapter promulgated a prayer for the beatification of Cornelia, which they added to the end of the community night prayers.

In the meantime, prayers for miraculous cures, records of favors received, and testimonies to Cornelia's sanctity began to accumulate. In 1929, the fiftieth anniversary of Cornelia's death, two special campaigns of prayer and sacrifice were undertaken "to obtain her speedy beatification." At the same time, the Society's sixth Superior General visited American locations associated with Cornelia's life to collect memories and documentary evidence.

In 1930, a second biography on Cornelia was published in French, and this was then translated into Italian. The priest who was consulted about the possibility of introducing the cause for Cornelia's canonization was not encouraging at this time. Cornelia's cause was put on hold.

In 1946, on the occasion of the Centenary of the Society, the General Chapter established a commission to promote Cornelia's cause. This led to a formal introduction of her cause in 1953.

Elizabeth Mary Strub, SHCJ, was the first woman to write an Informatio, in this case, a biographical synopsis of Cornelia Connelly's life, which serves as an invaluable guide through the careful documentation of the Positio. Here she holds a copy of the Positio, a comprehensive work prepared for the Sacred Congregation of the Causes of Saints.

WHAT STAGE IN THE CANONIZATION PROCESS IS CORNELIA AT NOW?

In the case of Cornelia, the process of gathering the information in the *Positio* took more than 10 years to finish and involved people from many walks of life. The process consisted of reviewing the evidence submitted, collecting more evidence and ultimately forwarding the cause to the Pope for his approval.

In 1988, the *Positio* was sent to Rome where it was carefully analyzed by six historical consultants. They were given the task of answering three questions:

- 1. Has the search for documents that illustrate the life and virtues of Cornelia Connelly been carried out exhaustively?
- 2. Are the documents collected and inserted in the Positio worthy of historical credence?
- 3. Do these documents provide the necessary elements to judge the reputation for holiness and the exercise of the Christian virtues on the part of Cornelia Connelly?

In this case, all six consultors replied in the affirmative, and a number of them praised the *Positio* highly for the "accomplished way in which the story of Cornelia Connelly unfolds against the background of the 19th century in which she lived."





Finally in 1991, the *Positio* was submitted to a commission of nine theologians who examined it from the point of view of Cornelia's practice of the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity toward her neighbor. They also examined if she practiced the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance to a heroic degree.

Once again, the commission was unanimous not only in praising Cornelia but in praising the *Positio*. One expert noted that "Even if not a martyr in the technical sense she could still be a most effective Patroness of those who suffer from emotional blackmail."

In 1992, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints recommended to Pope John Paul II, now Saint John Paul II, that he proclaim the heroic virtue of Cornelia as a Servant of God. Cornelia was declared Venerable.

The next step in the canonization process is beatification – a statement by the Church that Venerable Cornelia Connelly is "worthy of belief"

(Left to right) Holy Child Sisters Carlotta Bartone and Nancy Callahan in the reception area at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) meeting where they distributed information about Venerable Cornelia Connelly in November 2017.



While on the Cornelia Connelly Pilgrimage, Holy Child Associates toured Saint Mary Basilica in Natchez, MS, where they viewed artifacts connected to the Connellys. Cornelia and her husband Pierce lived in Natchez when they were first married.

and in heaven and saved. To advance this process, the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus have increased their efforts to share Cornelia's story and encourage people to pray through her intercession for a miracle.

In the past several years, the Sisters established a Cornelia Connelly Promoters international committee to brainstorm and report on ways to share Cornelia's story and cause. Judy Talvacchia, Holy Child Associate in the American Province, wrote a brief biography on Cornelia, which was published in English and Spanish. To date, over 25,000 copies have been distributed worldwide. Prayer and relic cards in Spanish, Italian, and English have been reprinted and distributed. In April 2017, Holy Child Associates took a pilgrimage to Grand Coteau, LA, and Natchez, MS, to walk in the footsteps of Cornelia. In the Fall 2017, the Sisters accepted an invitation from United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to share information about Venerable Cornelia Connelly at the Bishops' meeting. At the end of calendar year 2018, the Sisters appointed Dr. Waldery Hilgeman, as the postulator of Cornelia's Cause in Rome. Carlotta Bartone, SHCJ, will serve as the assistant postulator at the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

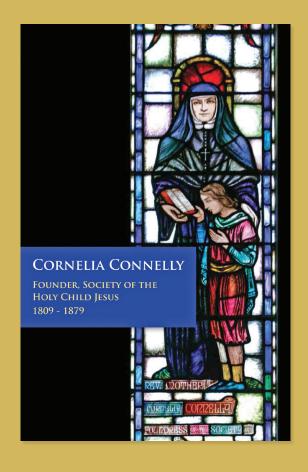
WHAT'S NEEDED FOR CORNELIA TO BE BEATIFIED AND DECLARED A SAINT?

Concrete evidence is needed that two miraculous favors – one for beatification and one for canonization – have taken place as the result of Cornelia's intercession.

Another possibility is that the Pope dispenses with one or both of the miracles to declare Cornelia a Saint.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Pray through the intercession of Cornelia (prayer on page 3) for a miraculous favor. Share her story with people. Even though she lived in 1800s, Cornelia's life resonates today. She faced many challenges, including the loss of her parents at an early age; the tragic deaths of two children under the age of two; marital issues; custody and legal battles; and betrayal. And yet, her faith in God and zeal for life enabled her to find peace, joy, and compassion.



THE LIFE OF CORNELIA CONNELLY

By Judith "Judy" Talvacchia is now available in English and Spanish!

To receive a copy, please send an e-mail to holychildsisters@shcj.org.

"Thank you so much for the book on Cornelia Connelly. I first read about Cornelia during my school days at Saint Leonard's. Many times my children heard her quotes, especially "be yourself but make that self just what our Lord wants it to be." My husband and I both read the book and then discussed it. Now I will pass it on to others and trust that Cornelia will also inspire them." – Nannette

"The book is beyond informative. Every page captivated me. Kudos to Judith A. Talvacchia! I shall keep my copy on the coffee table for the rest of my eighty-four years! The twelve of which have made me ever grateful for the education the Holy Child Sisters imparted to me." - Katharine



Love Full of Action

Associates & Sisters Volunteer at San Diego Shelter Serving Immigrant Families

A family arrives at the SDRRN shelter where Holy Child Associates and Sisters volunteered. Photo courtesy of San Diego Rapid Response Network (SDRRN).

Filled with compassion and a love full of action, Holy Child Associates and Sisters kicked off the New Year by launching a Holy Child initiative to support recent immigrants. From January through March, a steady stream of Holy Child volunteers traveled from their hometowns across the United States and arrived to San Diego, CA, where they spent up to two weeks helping immigrant families at a shelter.

In November 2018, the San Diego Rapid Response Network (SDRRN) set up the shelter to provide medical care, food, clothing, and legal assistance to immigrants. The opening of the shelter was a response to the government's new policy to release asylum seekers directly onto the streets of San Diego, after their initial processing and without any resources or a place to stay. Now immigration authorities drive families to the shelter.

Casa Cornelia Law Center in San Diego, a ministry founded by the Holy Child Sisters in 1993, is a legal partner with SDRRN, a coalition of human rights and service organizations, attorneys, and community leaders dedicated to aiding immigrants and their families in the San Diego border region. SDRRN also partners with Catholic Charities, Jewish Family Services, the International Rescue Committee, and other organizations.



Holy Child Sister Margaret Doyle volunteered at the SDRRN shelter in early January. We invite you to read excerpts from her journal about her first days at the shelter, which give witness to a love full of action!

January 2, 2019 – I received a text at 5:47 a.m. asking me to report to the shelter at 9:00 a.m. Another volunteer – a student on break from San Diego State University – and I were assigned to pick up a family at a Greyhound Bus Station. We were bringing a Honduran man and his son back to the shelter. Their tickets had been mistakenly printed in New Orleans rather than in San Diego, so the family had to return to the shelter while the situation was taken care of.

Back at the shelter, I quickly learned that there are many ways a non-Spanish speaker like me could help. So, I signed up for the 7:00 a.m. shift to sort donated clothing and help in the kitchen. I then drove a Mayan dad and his 13-year-old son to the airport, only to discover there was a problem with their tickets. So, we returned to the shelter.

At 12:30 p.m., I drove home. After a long nap, I returned to the shelter at 5:00 p.m. I began photocopying documents for families who had been interviewed by the shelter's intake persons at one of eight stations. Children were given coloring materials to keep them occupied. When I was not photocopying documents, I escorted families to the dining area where volunteers were ready to serve them meals.



(Above and right) Women and children wait at the shelter for assistance. Photo courtesy of San Diego Rapid Response Network (SDRRN).





Cots and cribs are set-up for the families arriving at the shelter. Photo courtesy of San Diego Rapid Response Network (SDRRN).

I observed an intake person use Google Translate to interview a Vietnamese family. This technology led to a success story! Contact was made with the family's sponsor and a time and place were set for the family to be picked up. I drove the family to the designated spot, and, with luck, found the sponsor's car in the lot.

I left the shelter at 8:00 p.m., exhausted. On the way home, I stopped at the supermarket to buy essentials for supper. At the Holy Child Sisters' home, I cooked dinner and crawled into bed. Just before falling asleep, I noticed a text on my phone asking if I could drive a family to the airport at 4:30 a.m., ALONE!! I worried that I didn't know how to speak Spanish. I shared my concern with the shelter, and a text came back asking if I would drive the family if a Spanish speaker came with me. I agreed.

January 3, 2019 -- I had my first experience of driving a family from the shelter to the airport by myself. I retrieved the family's boarding passes and obtained an escort pass to accompany the family through security and to the gate. There, I asked the airline staff to have someone help the family with their connecting flight at the next airport. The staff noted my request in the computer.

I found the shelter staff and volunteers welcoming and caring. The families were grateful and ready to move on to the next step of their long journey. I also found great compassion, kindness, and patience from the airline and bus terminal attendants and TSA officers.

This was a most rewarding experience for me. It brought me face to face with parents whose desire for a better life for their families was worth any hardship. And I was reaffirmed again and again about the goodness and generosity of the many people who make the shelter a reality.

We thank the 11 Holy Child Associates and Sisters who worked at the SDRRN shelter this winter. We also acknowledge the many other Associates and Sisters who had volunteered but were unable to join us in San Diego, due to scheduling conflicts or lack of housing, as the Sisters' home was filled with volunteers and at full capacity.

We also thank our many friends and supporters for joining us in mission – to help people believe that God lives and acts in them and in our world.

Cindy Platko, Holy Child Associate (NC), Mary Hamilton, SHCJ (PA), and Stephanie Fielder (NC) spend two weeks volunteering at the shelter.

Reflections from Our Volunteers

I have been at the shelter for a week now, and I have learned a great deal. I have met people from Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, and Vietnam. They have endured many difficulties on their way to the United States. In spite of this, they demonstrate patience and determination to find a better life for themselves and their children. They remind me that I also am the child of immigrants who came here in search of freedom. It is a privilege to be able to help them on their journey.

- Mary Hamilton, SHCJ

I am incredibly grateful to the SHCJ community for the opportunity to serve my brothers and sisters at the border. I have been working a 2:00 - 10:00 p.m. shift, which are the hours when the Border Patrol drops off busloads of asylum seekers. Last night we had more than 90 guests arrive at the shelter. I have met people from Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, and Vietnam. We try to give them a smile and a hearty "Bienvenidos" as they walk through the door. They look ragged, frightened, and exhausted. After a shower, clean clothes, and a hot meal, smiles begin to emerge. I am in awe of how the San Diego community has united to provide a safe and necessary transition for the people knocking at the door of their city. I am also in awe of the way our Charlotte (North Carolina) community and beyond has answered our plea for help. We have received \$400, 400 pairs of underwear, jeans, and more!! San Diego, you do not walk alone on this journey!!

- Cindy Platko, Holy Child Associate



Holy Child Sisters' 2018 Appreciation Event

Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church, Melrose, MA



Altar servers from Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church prepare for the entrance procession before Mass.

On October 14, 2018, the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus hosted an appreciation event for Holy Child Associates, donors, alumni/ae, and friends in Melrose, MA. The Mass took place at Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church, where our Holy Child roots extend for more than a century. The Sisters founded Saint Mary of the Annunciation School in 1909 and served there until the early 1980s. Today, Mary Samson, SHCJ, continues to live and minister in the Melrose community.

Before Mass, Carroll Juliano, SHCJ, American Province Leader, expressed appreciation to Saint Mary's community for their support and generosity. "I see a community that believes in our mission and helps us respond to the needs of our time as we serve our communities with hope and joy. We are so grateful for the partnership we have shared with Saint Mary's parish for nearly 110 years."

Sister Carroll extended a special thank you to Reverend Kevin Toomey, Administrator of Saint Mary of the Annunciation, for his hospitality. She also expressed deep appreciation to



American Province Leader Carroll Juliano, SHCJ, gives the welcome at the Appreciation Mass and thanks the community for their support and hospitality.

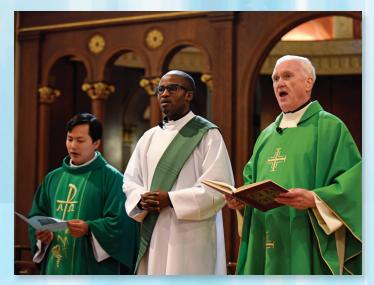


At the Appreciation reception, Holy Child Associates gather for a group photo at the Knights of Columbus Hall.



Holy Child Associate Judith "Judy" Talvacchia reads from Scripture during the Appreciation Mass.

Sister Mary Samson and the Holy Child Associates, especially Ann Donovan, Anne Hackett, Marie Ryan, Shirley Samson, and Judy Talvacchia, for generously helping us to organize the appreciation event and for living out our motto of Actions Not Words in the greater Melrose community. Thank you, all!



(Left to right) Reverend Duy Huang Nguyen and Brother Cornelius Apili, S.J., concelebrate Mass with Reverend Kevin Toomey, Administrator of Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church.







(Left to right) After the Appreciation Mass, Reverend Kevin Toomey, Administrator of Saint Mary of the Annunciation Church, poses with the American Province Leadership Team members, Carroll Juliano, SHCJ, Carol Ann Knight, SHCJ, and Francine Gunther, SHCJ.



Holy Child Sisters' Educational Legacy

A Testimony from Honorable Joseph A. Dugan

Beginning in the 1860s, diocesan officials and pastors throughout the United States invited the Society of the Holy Child Jesus to teach and administer in their schools. The Sisters' advanced education and training appealed to the officials, pastors, parents, and students. Committed to the educational philosophy of Cornelia Connelly, the Society's Founder, the Sisters accepted the invitation and endeavored to develop their students into mature young adults, who were capable of making choices that would enrich their lives and benefit their communities.

The Holy Child Sisters served in more than 30 parish and diocesan schools between 1862-1996. The Sisters also founded Catholic independent schools that were rooted in the Holy Child spirituality, which focuses on reverence for and the dignity of every person. Today, these schools form the Holy Child Network of Schools.

Annunciation Catholic Church in Washington, D.C., was one parish where the Holy Child Sisters joyfully served from 1954-1992. The impact of the Sisters' ministry in Annunciation Parish still runs deep, especially

with the alumni. This winter, Honorable Joseph (Joe)
A. Dugan, a 1963 graduate of Annunciation Catholic
School, connected with the American Province's Mission
Advancement Office staff to reflect on how the Holy
Child Sisters, especially Jeanne Marie Hatch, SHCJ,
impacted his life.

Is there a particular memory that demonstrates the impact Sister Jeanne or any of the Sisters have had on your life, either personally or professionally?

My third-grade class was taught by Sister Jeanne, who was a first-year teacher at that time. She taught us again in seventh grade. Some of us were class clowns, like Terry McCann, Jim Nelson, and me. We often recall our antics and how we probably drove Sister Jeanne and the other Holy Child Sisters nuts. I am sure Sister Jeanne never imagined that two of her students would become judges or she would be the surprise speaker at Terry's investiture as a judge for Montgomery County, MD, Circuit Court. Michael Algeo, a former Annunciation teacher, was also at Terry's swearing-in. Michael was a Judge on the



Annunciation alumni and spouses traveled to Philadelphia from Maryland to celebrate Sister Jeanne Marie Hatch's 60th Jubilee. (Left to right) Patricia McGann, Kathleen (Kay) Dugan, Terrance McGann, Jeanne Marie Hatch, SHCJ, Joseph Dugan, James Nelson, and Terri Nelson.



(left to right) Jeanne Marie Hatch, SHCJ, Mary Beth Nelson, '62 Annunciation Alumna, and Eileen McDevitt, SHCJ, at the 2013 Holy Child Sisters' Appreciation Event at Annunciation Church in Washington, D.C.

"The Sisters motivated us to do our best. We were taught that whatever is worth doing is worth doing well."

Circuit Court with Terry and me. While at Annunciation, Sister Jeanne hired Michael to teach at the school. Amazingly, Sister Jeanne touched the lives of three Circuit Court Judges!

Interestingly, Terry and I have discovered that we often relayed the Sisters' motto of Actions Not Words in our courtrooms. To a defendant who was promising to change his criminal ways, I would say "Let me share with you what the Holy Child Sisters told me when I promised my behavior would improve... Actions Not Words." I've also used the motto with my children.

I have come to appreciate the little things the Sisters taught me. I attribute my attention to detail and organizational skills to the Sisters. They motivated us to do our best. We were taught that "whatever is worth doing is worth doing well."

I also remember a Native American song that Mother Thomas Mary (Elizabeth Fitzmaurice, SHCJ) taught us in eighth grade. To this day, Jim Nelson and I sing it to our grandchildren.

Why do you think you and your Holy Child classmates remain lifelong friends?

We knew the Sisters were dedicated to us. They had an unconditional love for their students and cared for and trusted us. Because of this loving and caring culture, our school community was like a family, where strong bonds

formed among classmates. The Sisters also had a sense of humor. I am sure our antics provided entertaining stories for the Sisters to share at dinnertime!

The Sisters taught us so many values, including joy and compassion. We draw on our Holy Child values in good and challenging times and try to help one another.

You have faithfully supported the Sisters' Annual Appeal. Can you share why?

The Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus taught my classmates and me at Annunciation for all but one grade. They were wonderful educators and amazing women.

To this day, I regret that my children were not taught by a Holy Child Sister.

I designate my annual gift for the care of the retired Sisters. My financial support is a small way to express thanks to the Sisters for all that they gave me, including an excellent education. We were lucky to have the love and devotion of Sister Jeanne and the other Holy Child Sisters. It is hard to put into words all that the Sisters did. They were, and continue to be, amazing!

To support the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus, please call 610.626.1400, ext. 301, or visit www.shcj.org/american/donate/.

Remembrances



Jay McCann, SHCJ (Mother John Cantius)

October 21, 1923 - January 2, 2019

Sister Jay had the distinct honor of being related to Cornelia Connelly, Founder of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. Her great-grandfather,

Edward Grant, married Cornelia Duval, Cornelia Connelly's niece.

Sister Jay served in the United States Coast Guard Women Reserves (SPARS) during World War II. An accident led to six months of hospitalization and an honorable discharge for her. During her lengthy recuperation, Sister Jay heard the call to religious life and sought to serve as a missionary.

In 1950, Sister Jay entered the Society of the Holy Child Jesus and made her final vows in 1957. She began her nine-year teaching

ministry in the United States before her desire to serve in the missions was fulfilled. In 1961, Sister Jay started a 16-year ministry in Cape Coast, Ghana, where she taught at Holy Child School. She also established and operated a school-run farm.

In 1977, Sister Jay returned to the United States and soon began teaching science at Cornelia Connelly School in Anaheim, CA.

A shift in ministry took place in 1980, when Sister Jay moved to Fulton, MI, and began working in pastoral ministry. She served in Fulton for 14 years before moving to Charlotte, NC, where she joined Holy Child Sisters at Saint Luke Parish in pastoral ministry and community service from 1994 – 2007. Saint Luke Parish honored Sister Jay in 2007 with the "Salt and Light Award" for her service to the community, especially for "building friendships and fostering a profound appreciation for God's beauty among us."



Anne (Nancy) Logan, SHCJ (Mother Joseph Sarto)

August 6, 1934 - January 16, 2019

The youngest of 13 children, Sister Nancy was born into a fun-loving family that found great joy in being together. The Logan family were

members of Saint Edward Parish in Philadelphia, where Sister Nancy attended grade school and was taught by the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus.

Despite her visual impairments, Sister Nancy was an excellent teacher. She taught at Saint Elizabeth School in New York City for 11 years (1955-1966) before moving to Portland, OR, where she spent seven years teaching at Saint Rita School (1966-1968) and Saint Charles School (1968-1973). In 1973, Sister Nancy returned to Philadelphia to teach at her alma mater – Saint Edward School.

In 1977, Sister Nancy received training in Group Dynamics at Hahnemann Hospital, where she honed her leadership and team-building skills. One of several Holy Child Sisters trained in gerontology, Sister Nancy served a growing population of aging members in the American Province.

In 1985, Sister Nancy attended a certificate program in gerontology at the University of California, Los Angeles, after which she was assigned to pastoral care for the elderly at Saint Elizabeth Parish in New York City (1985-1992). Her patience and sharp listening skills inspired confidence in the senior adults while she, in turn, felt privileged to serve them. A full program blossomed under Sister Nancy's leadership when she recruited volunteers to serve the elderly.

Sister Nancy returned to the Philadelphia area in 1993 and continued to volunteer her time and talents at senior adult programs and Holy Child Center. While her sight had continued to diminish, Sister Nancy's compassion and concern for others remained vibrant to the end.



Loretta Tiernan, SHCJ (Mother Mary Clarice)

December 4, 1938 - February 5, 2019

Born and raised in Waukegan, IL, Sister Loretta attended Holy Child High School, where she first met the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus. From an

early age, Sister Loretta dreamed of having a family until she said "God stepped in." It was during a high school senior year retreat that she felt a call to religious life.

Sister Loretta returned to the Midwest to teach at Saint Veronica School (1959-1963); Saint Ignatius School (1963-1965); and Saint Anastasia School (1965-1967). In 1967, she taught one year at Saint Rose School in Portland, OR (1967-1968) before she was missioned to Mayfield Junior School of the Holy Child Jesus in Pasadena, CA

(1968-1977). In 1977, Sister Loretta returned to the Philadelphia area, where she taught at Holy Spirit School in Sharon Hill, PA.

In 1979, Sister Loretta's next assignment took her back to Waukegan, IL, where she became a minster at Victory Hospital. Working in the hospital became a turning point in her life. She began a new ministry in pastoral care that extended for nearly three decades. She was named Pastoral Associate and Minister of Care at Saints Joseph and Bartholomew Parish.

As her Parkinson disease progressed, Sister Loretta moved to Holy Child Center in 2009, where she enthusiastically participated in activities and enjoyed her friendships. Maureen Duffy, SHCJ, shared that "Sister Loretta was always kind and gracious and had a sense of humor. She was a good listener and never complained even as the disease progressed."

Remembrances



Mary Anne Haren, SHCJ (Mother John Fisher)

March 30, 1935 - February 18, 2019

Sister Mary Anne, a Holy Child Sister for 63 years, was born to teach, and she flourished in that role for more than 50 years.

Sister Mary Anne's first teaching assignments took her to Holy Child School at Rosemont in Rosemont, PA (1955-1956); Annunciation School in Washington D.C. (1956-1961); and Our Lady of Lourdes School in New York City (1961-1971). She taught for the next 17 years at Saint Edward School (1976-1993) in Philadelphia, where she

lovingly served the students and the community. During this time, she also volunteered at Holy Child Center in Rosemont and became fast friends with the Sisters and staff.

In 1994 she returned to Washington, D.C., and taught for one year at Immaculate Conception School (1994-1995). She then was missioned to Saint Anthony School for 12 years (1995-2007), where she was a cherished teacher and faculty member.

Relocating to Saint Eugene Parish in Primos, PA, Sister Mary Anne continued to minister in education by helping young children learn to read. After eight happy years at Saint Eugene's, Sister Mary Anne retired from active ministry and moved to Holy Child Center in 2014.



Pauline "Polly" McShain, SHCJ (Mother John Mary)

June 10, 1928 - March 8, 2019

Sister Polly, the only child of John and Mary (Horstmann) McShain, was born in Philadelphia. Her father owned and operated one of America's

leading construction companies. Sister Polly's mother graduated from St. Leonard's Academy. Together, Mr. and Mrs. McShain shared a deep faith in the Catholic Church and were major philanthropists.

Sister Polly inherited the giving spirit of her parents. Mary Ann Buckley, SHCJ, shared that "Sister Polly loved both her extended family and her Holy Child community with great affection and loyalty; she dedicated her life to the service of others in diverse ways both nationally and internationally, continually adapting to the calls of a rapidly changing church and world."

Sister Polly taught at several schools throughout her religious life, including Oak Knoll of the Holy Child in Summit, NJ, (1949-1952); Holy Child School at Rosemont in Rosemont, PA (1952-1956); Rosemont Senior School (1956-1966); and Connelly School of the Holy Child in

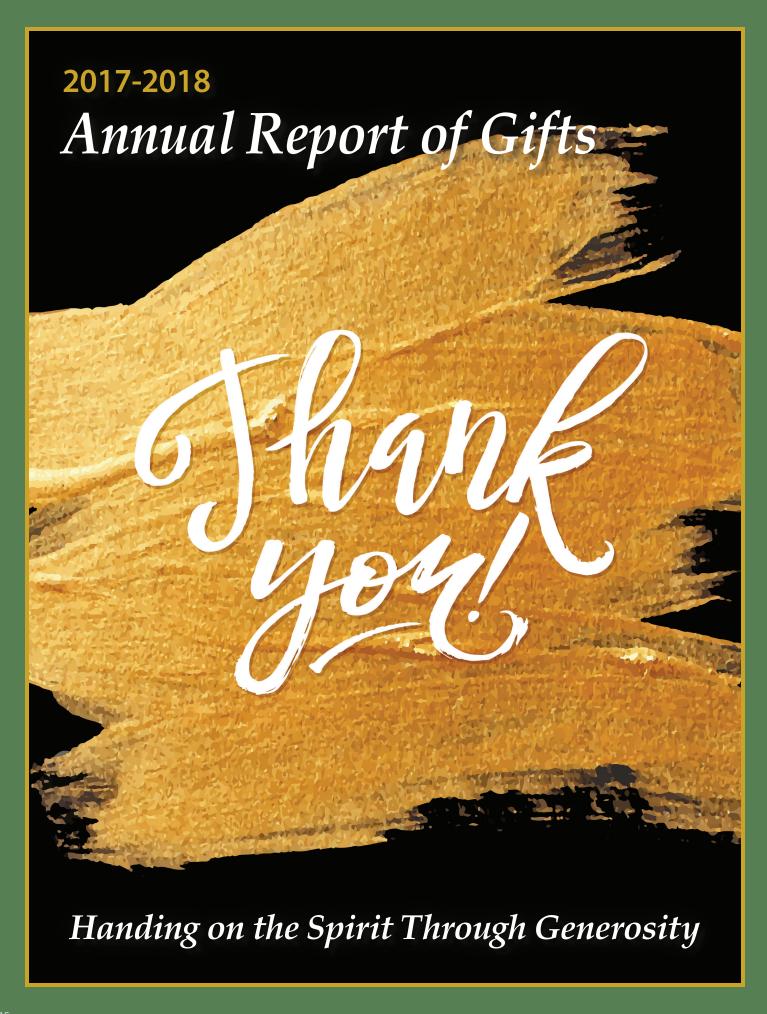
Potomac, MD (1969-1971 and 1973-1976). Sister Polly was then given the responsibilities of formation in the Province (1966-1969). From 1971-1973, Sister Polly lectured at the National Institute of Religious Education in Lagos, Nigeria.

Following her work as a pastoral minister at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in White Plains, NY (1976-1978), she was appointed Associate Vicar for Religious in the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, (1978-1981) and then Vicar for Religious in the Diocese of Newark, NJ, a post she held until 1986, when she was elected to the Society of the Holy Child Jesus' General Council and lived in Rome for six years (1986-1992). In the 2000s, Sister Polly volunteered at Siloam, a nonprofit organization in Philadelphia that serves people living with HIV.

Throughout her life, Sister Polly served on many boards and committees, including as acting president and president of John McShain Charities, Inc.; as well as on the Board of Trustees of Rosemont College; Board Member of Ireland's Heritage Preservation Foundation; Board of Trustees of St. Joseph Preparatory School; Chairman's Council, Philadelphia Museum of Art; and John McShain Biography Committee, Hagley Museum and Library.

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

- CORNELIA CONNELLY



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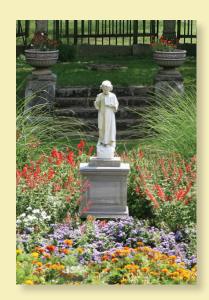
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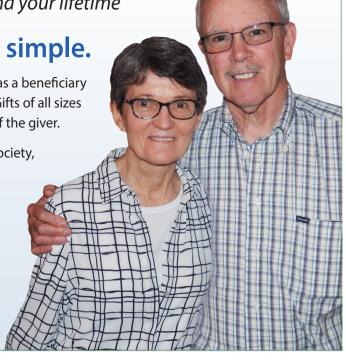
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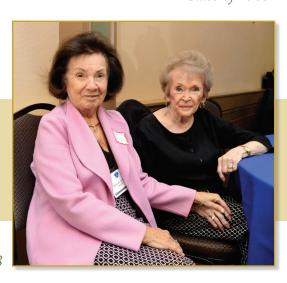
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Holy Child Academy - Sharon Hill, PA	\$	43,626
Holy Child High School - Waukegan, IL	\$	25,679
St. Leonard Academy - Philadelphia, PA	\$	67,361
St. Leonard Boys School - Philadelphia, PA	\$	5,225
School of the Holy Child - Suffern, NY	\$	12,350
School of the Holy Child, Senior School - Rosemont, PA	\$	6,263
Annunciation Catholic School - Washington, DC	\$	1,700
Holy Spirit School - Sharon Hill, PA	\$	460
Our Lady of Lourdes School - New York, NY	\$	100
St. Anastasia Catholic School - Waukegan, IL	\$	655
St. Charles School - Portland, OR	\$	100
St. Edward the Confessor School - Philadelphia, PA	\$	1,370
St. Elizabeth School - New York, NY	\$	850
St. Ignatius School - Chicago, IL	\$	2,975
St. Mary High School - Melrose, MA	\$	7,953
St. Mary of the Annunciation School - Melrose, MA	\$	2,900
St. Rose School - Portland, OR	\$	850
St. Veronica School - Chicago, IL	\$	125
West Catholic Girls High School - Philadelphia, PA	\$	2,845
Holy Child Network of Schools	\$	17,258
Family	\$	89,420
Friends	\$ 1	94,627
Archdioceses	\$	24,746
Organizations	\$	10,550
Corporations/Foundations/Matching Gifts	\$	53,462
Parishes	\$	16,272
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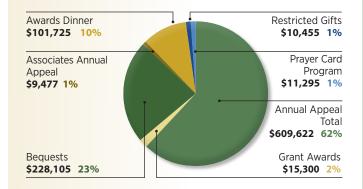
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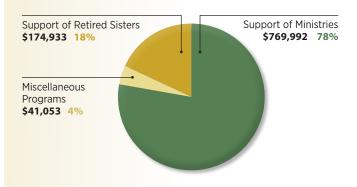
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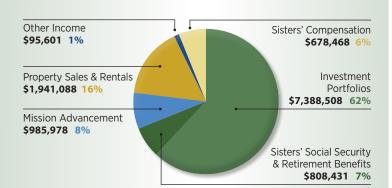


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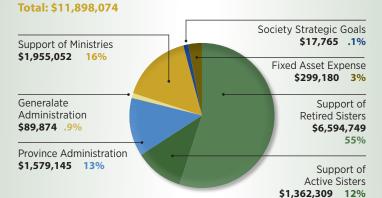
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Relying on your grace,

I intend to do all things

according to the Constitutions of this

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Help me to be faithful to your call, and bring to completion all you have begun in me.

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

– Cornelia Connelly

Handing on The Spirit in the Dominican Republic

In the words of our Founder Cornelia Connelly... ...I (we) have begun the work; others will bring it to perfection.

Background: In January 2019, the Society of the Holy Child Jesus announced that Holy Child Sisters will no longer be physically serving in the Dominican Republic. Effective July 1, the mission site will be led by local leaders in the Dominican Republic. We invite you to read the letter below from American Province Leader Carroll Juliano, SHCJ, to friends and supporters explaining the upcoming changes.



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Handing on the Spirit

Dear Friends,

Over the years, you have generously shared your time, talent, and treasure to support the Society of the Holy Child Jesus' ministry in the Dominican Republic. Our Holy Child Sisters, especially Sisters Ann-Joyce Peters, Mary Alice Minogue, and Kathleen King (European Province), are deeply grateful for your love and commitment. It was through your generosity that we served thousands of children and adults.

By way of this letter, I seek to update you on the Society of the Holy Child Jesus' journey in the Dominican Republic. Under the leadership of Sister Ann-Joyce, the Holy Child Sisters founded a mission site in Batey Lecheria in 1995. The following year, Sister Mary Alice joined Sister Ann-Joyce in this ministry, where they sought to help migrants who lacked basic needs, such as food, housing, indoor plumbing, and electricity. The Sisters also established Holy Child Elementary School, under the auspices of Fe y Alegría, as well as a dispensary. Today, the Holy Child spirit runs deep at the mission, where Sisters from the African and American Provinces, Holy Child Associates, volunteers, and staff continue to perform impactful work and transform lives.

Therefore, I share with mixed emotions that the Holy Child Sisters' journey in the Dominican Republic will be complete on June 30, 2019. We are saddened to physically leave friends, neighbors, colleagues, and the students. However, we rejoice knowing that the school and the dispensary are poised to succeed under local leadership and will continue to serve the children and families of Batey Lecheria. The Sisters have ensured that the next generation of leaders, many who are SHCJ Associates, are well trained and capable of handing on our Holy Child spirit. In the words of our Founder Cornelia Connelly, *I (we) have begun the work; others will bring it to perfection.* Later this year, the Holy Child Sisters plan to celebrate the success of its Dominican Republic ministry and the many lives that have been changed by it.

On behalf of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, thank you for helping us to achieve our long-term goal in the Dominican Republic and advance the mission of Cornelia Connelly to "meet the wants of the age." We look forward to collaborating with you in the future as we seek to serve the marginalized in our American Province. In the meantime, I ask for your prayers for the Holy Child Associates, teachers, staff and families in the Batey Lecheria. If you have any questions, Sandy Lovascio is happy to help and can be reached at slovascio@shcj.org or 610.626.1400 x301.

With prayers and gratitude,

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