

# Actions

*American Province,  
Holy Child Schools,  
and Ministries*

**Celebrate  
Milestone  
Anniversaries**





## DEAR FRIENDS,

When our Foundress, Venerable Cornelia Connelly, stated, “sustain a bright and joyful spirit,” I am confident she didn’t anticipate how her words, let alone her religious community, would endure and remain relevant for more than 175 years. And yet, here we are. On the heels of the 175th Anniversary of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, the American Province celebrates its 160th Anniversary in 2022.

When I reflect on Cornelia’s faith in God, inner strength, and joyful outlook, I am not surprised that our Province is still going strong. Since 1862, the American Province has been blessed with generous and loving Sisters, Associates, alumni/ae, teachers, staff, administrators, volunteers, benefactors, and friends who live out the Society’s mission ***to rejoice in God’s presence and to help people believe that God lives and acts in them and in our world.***

In this edition of *Actions*, we feature four Holy Child ministries that are also celebrating anniversaries — Rosemont College, Holy Child Network of Schools, Washington School for Girls, and Holy Child Associates. I am thankful for each one of them as they carry on our mission!

At this year’s Holy Child Awards Dinner in Pasadena, California, the Holy Child Sisters recognized the incredible work of Marina Alma Marmolejo and Margaret M. Morrow. Thanks to the Awards Dinner Honorary Committee, the event to honor them was festive and inspiring, complete with a beautiful performance by our own Mayfield Senior Women’s Ensemble. Enjoy the photos on pages 13 and 14.

Beginning on page 17, the American Province Mission Advancement office presents its first Impact Report. On page 18, Sandy Lovascio, Director of Mission Advancement, introduces the Impact Report and explains why the Society

is shifting its reporting approach. I extend my prayers and heartfelt gratitude to our donors who supported the Province’s ministries in 2021.

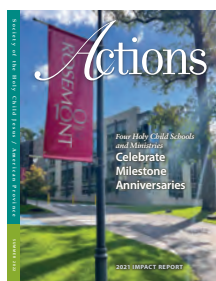
Please join me in congratulating our 2022 American Province Jubilarians. With Cornelia as their guide, the extraordinary women listed on page 26 have served with bright and joyful spirits to “meet the wants of the age.” Also, we remember Rosemary Ritchie, SHCJ, who has returned to God.

I am pleased to announce that the Society of the Holy Child Jesus elected the 2022-2028 Society Leadership Team, with Pauline Darby, SHCJ, as the Society Leader. As shared on page 25, Sisters Susan Igelle, Oyidu Okwori, and Carmen Torres join Sister Pauline on the team. Please pray for each of them as they begin their new positions.

During this unsettling and challenging time, especially the horrific loss of our children to gun violence, let us invite God into our lives, let us see God in ourselves and others, and let us “sustain a bright and joyful spirit” for another 160 years!

With gratitude and prayers,

Carroll Juliano, SHCJ  
American Province Leader



**On Our Cover:**  
*Rosemont College adorns its campus with celebratory flags for its centennial year.*  
*Photo by Susan DiGironimo, Rosemont College.*

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# The Celebration Continues!

## AMERICAN PROVINCE'S 160TH ANNIVERSARY

Last year, the Society of the Holy Child Jesus celebrated the 175th Anniversary of its founding in Derby, England. This year, the celebration continues with the Society achieving several milestone anniversaries, beginning with one for our own American Province!

Venerable Cornelia Connelly, an American, desired to establish a religious order in her "own dear country," but a request from Pope Gregory XVI led her to found the Society in England in 1846. Sixteen years later, Cornelia sent six Holy Child Sisters to America. The Sisters arrived at the New York Harbor on Thursday, August 12, 1862, from Liverpool, England, on the paddle steamer Scotia.

From the moment the Sisters stepped on American soil until the present day, they have shared and invited others to join in the Society's mission, ***to rejoice in God's presence and to help people believe that God lives and acts in them and in our world.***

For the past 160 years, the American Province has sought "to meet the wants of the age" through its educational, social justice, and spiritual and healing ministries. It has established dozens of schools and ministered throughout the United States, the Dominican Republic, and Chile. While education has been at the forefront of the Province's ministries, the Sisters have also served in hospitals, prisons, spiritual centers, addiction rehabilitation centers, political offices, parishes, organizations for abused women, schools for children with special needs, courtrooms, and much, much more. With the Society's motto *Actions Not Words*, Holy Child Sisters have met the needs of children, women, men, and families wherever and whenever they are called.



*The first Holy Child Sisters arrived in America on the Cunarder SS Scotia, August 12, 1862.*

Starting on the next page, we feature four Holy Child ministries – Rosemont College, Holy Child Network of Schools, Washington School for Girls, and Holy Child Associates – that join the Province in celebrating anniversaries this year. We invite you to learn more about these organizations and how they continue to live out the Society's mission.



*Mother Mary Xavier Noble, one of the first Sisters to arrive in America, served for 14 years as the first Superior in the United States.*





**Founded in 1921 by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, Rosemont College prepares its students to become their “best selves,” both professionally and personally. As the Society’s only postsecondary institution of learning, the college is committed to “meeting the wants of the age,” a guiding principle of the Society.**

The last 100 years have witnessed monumental change worldwide. Throughout it all, Rosemont College has continued to meet the evolving needs of its students by anticipating these changes and developing new programs and policies that prepare them to thrive and lead. It does so while never wavering from its Catholic mission and values, including a steadfast belief in the trust and reverence of all human beings, the cornerstone of Venerable Cornelia Connelly’s educational philosophy.

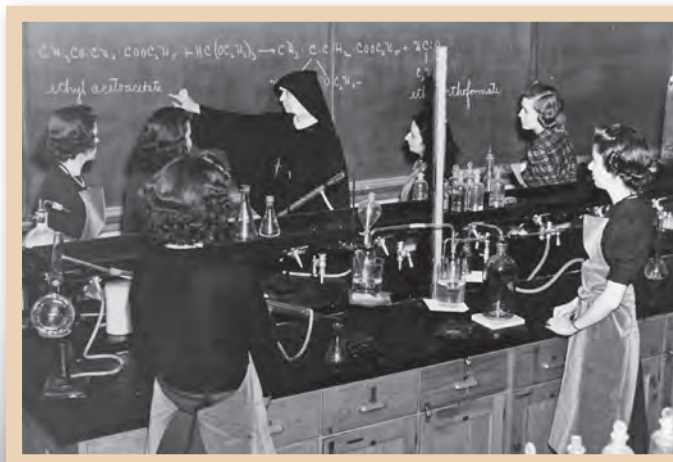
In the 1960s, Rosemont’s liberal arts program, steeped in the study of theology and philosophy, broadened its focus to include the development of the whole person, as a student and a Christian. In response to the new opportunities available to women in the 1970s, Rosemont introduced the Rosemont Educational Advancement Program, an enrichment program for women to return to college to complete their degrees, becoming the first institute of higher learning in the Philadelphia area to launch such a unique program. At this time, the college also expanded its traditional liberal arts program by creating individualized



*Holy Child Sisters in front of Rosemont College’s Main Building (circa 1940s).*

majors and adding new, socially relevant courses. Exchange programs and academic minors offered students the opportunity to broaden their interests, while studying abroad provided a deeper understanding of the world.

Rosemont College’s School of Graduate Studies, open to both women and men, was established in the 1980s. The School of Continuing Studies (now called Professional



*Holy Child Sister teaching science class (circa 1940s).*







*Rosemont College students leaving Kistler Library (1942).*

Studies) was launched in the 1990s for degree-seeking, nontraditional students. In the 2000s, the College approved a Strategic Plan that included programs to increase enrollment and expand its reach by embracing co-education, outside partnerships, and online education. The incoming class of 2009 – the largest class in more than 40 years – brought Rosemont’s most significant change in the

College’s history by welcoming men to the undergraduate college. The same year, the Schools of Graduate and Professional Studies received accreditation to offer fully online degree programs. In 2021, Rosemont launched a partnership with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and a new corporate and government partnership program called Rosemont Momentum.

Rosemont College’s influence during the past century has been amplified by the contributions of more than 9,000 alumni, who have gone on to become successful writers, business leaders, journalists, scientists, physicians, educators, philanthropists, and more.

Today, Rosemont offers more than 40 traditional undergraduate, adult undergraduate, and graduate programs. Additionally, students can choose from a wide range of activities to enhance their campus life

experience – including 13 athletic programs and 20 clubs and organizations.

As Rosemont embarks on the next 100 years, the College continues to build on its commitment to diversity, social justice, and care for the earth and one another. In keeping with this commitment, Rosemont embraces students of all faiths, backgrounds, and identities.



*Rosemont College Centennial Gala, The Bellevue Philadelphia (April 22, 2022).*

The principles and values of Venerable Cornelia Connelly and the Society of the Holy Child Jesus are as relevant today as they were at Rosemont’s founding 100 years ago. While the college continues to evolve, its mission to create critical, open-minded thinkers and “to meet the wants of the age” endures.

*Written by Kathleen DuBoff, Director of External Relations, Rosemont College.*

*Rosemont College (2018)*





# Celebrating 30 Years

Since 1846, when Venerable Cornelia Connelly founded the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, education has been at the forefront of the Society's mission. Cornelia devoted her life to educating children and women, especially those living in challenging circumstances.

Cornelia developed an educational system based on the trust and reverence of all human beings and set the course for Holy Child educators who followed by writing the Holy Child Book of Studies. In it, she exhorted Holy Child Sisters and educators to respond to "the wants of the age" by teaching students from diverse backgrounds with love, joy, and dignity. For 175 years, Holy Child educators have embraced Cornelia's philosophy and helped their students "to grow strong in faith and live fully human lives," achieve at the highest levels academically, and advocate for social responsibility.

The American Province's first school was founded in 1862, when Holy Child Sisters arrived in America from England. Since then, for more than 160 years, the Sisters have founded and served in dozens of schools throughout the United States. However, it wasn't until 1992 that the American Province formally established the Holy Child Network of Schools.

Eileen McDevitt, SHCJ, who had been serving as the Holy Child schools' coordinator since 1985, was named director

of the new Holy Child Network of Schools. For more than 35 years, she has ensured Holy Child schools are guided by the Society's mission *to rejoice in God's presence and to help people believe that God lives and acts in them and in our world.*

## The responsibility of the Holy Child Network of Schools' office includes:

- educating the schools' communities, including students, faculty, staff, and trustees, on the life, educational philosophy, and spirituality of Venerable Cornelia Connelly;
- promoting an understanding and development of Holy Child Goals and Criteria in the schools' communities;
- supporting the schools' Mission Effectiveness process, where each school conducts a self-study and evaluation in relation to the Goals of Holy Child Schools; and
- instituting policy and programs that adhere to the education industry's highest legal and professional standards.



*Heads of Schools from the Holy Child Network of Schools – American Province attend the Holy Child European Network of Schools conference in Blackpool, England (2017).*





*Board of Trustees at Mayfield Senior School of the Holy Child Jesus in Pasadena, California, honor Eileen McDevitt, SHCJ, Director of the Holy Child Network of Schools, for “sharing the spirit and wisdom of Venerable Cornelia Connelly and the Holy Child with schools throughout the United States” (2016).*

The Holy Child Network of Schools is an association of Catholic, independent schools sponsored by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus – American Province.

In 2020, the American Province incorporated the Holy Child Network of Schools. American Province Leader Carroll Juliano, SHCJ, shared that this decision flowed from Venerable Cornelia Connelly’s inspiring words: I have begun the work; others will bring it to perfection. “Like Cornelia, we invite and welcome others to strengthen and advance our Holy Child education. With the incorporation of the Network and this year’s newly formed Network board, we will continue to partner with trustees, administration, faculty, students, families, and supporters to advance our Holy Child educational legacy in the 21st century and beyond.”

*Eileen McDevitt, SHCJ, addresses the student body at Connelly School of the Holy Child in Potomac, Maryland, on the Feast of the Epiphany, a significant date in the Society of the Holy Child Jesus (2018).*



**Today, the Holy Child Network of Schools consists of nine elementary, middle, and secondary schools, with a total of 3,000 students.**

**School of the Holy Child • 1904**  
(Rye, New York)

**Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child • 1924**  
(Summit, New Jersey)

**Holy Child Academy • 1927**  
(Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania)

**Mayfield Junior School of the Holy Child Jesus • 1931**  
(Pasadena, California)

**Mayfield Senior School of the Holy Child Jesus • 1931**  
(Pasadena, California)

**Holy Child School at Rosemont • 1949**  
(Rosemont, Pennsylvania)

**Holy Child Academy • 1959**  
(Old Westbury, New York)

**Connelly School of the Holy Child • 1961**  
(Potomac, Maryland)

**Cornelia Connelly Center • 1993**  
(New York, New York)





# Celebrating 25 Years

Washington School for Girls launched its 25th Anniversary celebration at the “Our Girls, Our World, Our Future” gala in May, at the Trinity Center for Women & Girls in Sports, in Washington, D.C. Raising over \$1.2M, the event highlighted alumnae and recognized the WSG leaders who were instrumental in establishing the school’s foundation and shepherding it through the early years.

Washington School for Girls (formerly known as Washington Middle School for Girls) was the dream of a group of women who represented three organizations dedicated to the well-being of women and girls: the National Council of Negro Women, the Religious of Jesus and Mary, and the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. These women recognized that educational equity did not yet exist for Black and Brown girls in Washington, D.C. With the vision of creating a school where girls would feel safe and supported, yet academically challenged, the women founded an after-school tutoring

*The first 3rd Grade Class, 2014-15 school year.*



*One of the first graduates of WSG, Class of 2001.*

program in the basement of an apartment building in 1997. The school launched its first full academic program during the 1998-99 school year, graduating its inaugural class of eighth grade students in 2001. WSG’s first graduating class was the catalyst for establishing the school’s Graduate Support Program, which provides mentoring and guidance to alumnae throughout high school and the transition to college.





Since its founding, the school has continued to expand. As a result of its growth, it split into two campuses in 2005, when the sixth through eighth grade program moved into a newly built community hub at THEARC. THEARC currently houses 14 nonprofit partners and offers programs in education, the arts, recreation, and health and wellness. Many of the THEARC nonprofit partners collaborate with the WSG and provide programming designed exclusively for its students.

In 2014, Washington School for Girls welcomed its first third-grade class, who piloted a program to test a new, student-centered academic calendar. The pilot program was a success. By 2017, the entire school transitioned to the new calendar, with school starting each year in late July and going through mid-June. Despite the shortened summer break, the new calendar allows for longer breaks and additional enrichment programming during the school year.

Mary Bourdon, RJM, a WSG co-founder and first head of school, retired in 2017. The school then welcomed Beth Reaves, DBA, who currently serves as the WSG's president. During her five years as president, Dr. Reaves has navigated the school through reaccreditation, a strategic planning process, and the transition into and out of virtual learning during the pandemic.

WSG enrolls approximately 125 students each year and has graduated over 300 alumnae since 2001. An impressive 99% of WSG graduates complete high school, and more than half pursue four-year college degrees. In addition, two alumnae currently work at the school: Quanise Wooten '09 as a middle school math teacher and Joey Adams '10 as



*At the 25th Anniversary Gala, Mary Bourdon, RJM, Jennifer Gibbs-Phillips, and Eileen McDevitt, SHCJ, were honored with the Founding Spirits Award for their contributions to the founding and ongoing success of WSG.*

the manager of Graduate Success and Outreach.

In the coming years, Washington School for Girls will continue to implement its strategic plan, focusing on three core pillars of success. First, delivering an innovative and intentional educational program for young girls of color by adding more depth and breadth to the academic programming, including in the arts, STEM, and experiential learning. Second, strengthening the school's learning environment and offering the opportunity to build deeper connections by unifying the school on one campus. Finally, ensuring the longevity of the school by continuing to strengthen its financial foundation.



*Kami Simmons, WSG '09 and Connelly School of the Holy Child in Potomac, MD, '13 serves as the emcee for the "Our Girls, Our World, Our Future 25th Anniversary Gala."*



*Dr. Beth Reaves with students during her first year as President of WSG.*

*Written by Susan Rockwell, Director of Development Operations, Washington School for Girls.*



# HOLY CHILD ASSOCIATES

## *Celebrating 20 Years*

God has chosen to need women and men in every age to reveal divine love and to make known the reality of the Incarnation.

– Venerable Cornelia Connelly

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the national gathering that led to the formalization of the Holy Child Associates ministry in the United States. While the Associates ministry was officially established in 2002, its history reaches back several decades. Archival references to Associates appear in various lists, surveys, and meeting minutes, dating as far back as the late 1960s.

The desire to form an association with a religious order followed the Second Vatican Council's call to holiness, which included a movement in the Catholic Church to engage with the secular. In 1973, Therese Currie, SHCJ, then Provincial of the Western Province of the American Province, welcomed Helen Castner, in Portland, Oregon, as one of the first Holy Child Associates. Around the same time, Jeanne d'Arc Haynes, SHCJ, at School of the Holy Child, Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania, welcomed Ruth Kugler as a Holy Child Associate.



*First national meeting of Holy Child Associates – U.S.A. at Rosemont College, in Rosemont, Pennsylvania (circa 2002).*



***Being an SHCJ Associate is not about doing more, it's about being more.***

In the 1990s, the Formation Commission of the Province encouraged and organized various groups of Associates throughout the American Province. Even with all these efforts, it would take until 2002 to officially launch the Associates ministry.

In 2000, the American Province Leadership Team appointed a SHCJ task force that was asked to devise an Associates ministry with a strong foundation and enduring future. The task force consisted of the following Holy Child Sisters: Catherine Quinn, Chair; Margaret Mary Bell; Mary Louise Bishoff; and Mary George O'Reilly. Together, they reviewed the American Province's history and previous efforts to establish a formal Associates ministry.

In the following months, the task force grew to include lay members who shared a similar desire to create a formal association. From April 12-14, 2002, Holy Child Sisters and existing Associates gathered at Rosemont College to envision a future for Holy Child Associates. Fifty-four men and women from across the United States, Dominican



## Mission Statement of the Holy Child Associates

*Holy Child Associates of the United States are women and men rooted in the charism of Venerable Cornelia Connelly and who want to grow in her spirit. The Associates strive to bear witness to a life grounded in the Incarnation. Associates are called to help others believe that God lives and acts in them and to rejoice in God's presence in our midst. The charism of Cornelia Connelly is grounded in the gospel message of the Word Made Flesh and centered in the mystery of God's life and presence in the lives of women and men.*

*A Holy Child Sister (center) with Holy Child Associates volunteer at a shelter for migrant families in San Diego, California (2019).*

Republic, and Chile attended. This gathering demonstrated the strong desire and enthusiasm for establishing a formal association.



*Core team members of Holy Child Associates – U.S.A. gather for a planning session at the American Province Chapter, ACE Conference Center, Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania (2015).*

Next, a core team of Associates and Society members developed a charter and a manual with policy and procedures. Their planning included actions and events to bring together Associates. They created a quarterly Associates Newsletter and offered retreats, including retreats connected to the Society's Foundress, Venerable Cornelia Connelly. These gatherings brought the regional groups together in new and rewarding ways.

*(Left to right) Associates Denise Karasic and Cathi Duffy, former director of the Holy Child Associates – U.S.A. at the 2018 National Holy Child Associates Gathering in Rosemont, Pennsylvania (2018).*

In winter 2021, the Director of Associates, Cathi Duffy, retired after more than 15 years of service. The current core team continues Cathi's work to welcome individuals into the Holy Child Associates. Currently, Associates hail from more than 23 states, the Dominican Republic, and Chile. They meet in person and virtually as they continue to live the charism of Venerable Cornelia Connelly and the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in their daily lives through prayer, reflection, and a love full of action.

We thank the Archives of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus – American Province for providing the research and resources for this article.

*Written by Emily Wells Siegel, Holy Child Associate and Core Team Member.*





## Prayer to Beatify Cornelia Connelly

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 Connelly as a Servant of God. Cornelia was declared Venerable.

The next step in the canonization process is beatification.

*Please join us in Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Cornelia Connelly.*

### 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.



*If you have found praying through the intercession of Cornelia helpful and believe that your prayer has been answered, please report this to Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Rector of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, at [info@cathedralphila.org](mailto:info@cathedralphila.org).*



# *Rosemary Ritchie, SHCJ*

(Mother Alice Mary)

**DECEMBER 4, 1933 – JANUARY 13, 2022**

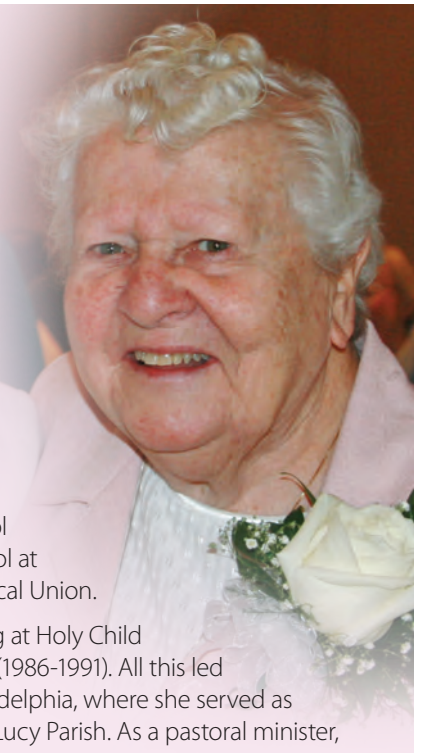
Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Sister Rosemary, a “Saint Edward’s girl,” attended elementary school at Saint Edward School in the city’s Fairhill neighborhood and high school at John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls’ High School.

Blessed with a cheerful disposition, Sister Rosemary was a well-loved and admired teacher. She taught in Philadelphia at Saint James School (1955-1964), Assumption School (1964-1968), and Holy Spirit School (1968-1971). In 1971, Sister Rosemary returned to her alma mater, Saint Edward School, where she taught and served as the assistant principal for three years.

In 1974, Sister Rosemary moved to Pasadena, California, where she taught at Assumption School (1974-1976). Upon returning to the Philadelphia area, Sister Rosemary taught at Holy Child School at Rosemont (1976-1980) before spending a year in Washington, D.C., at the Washington Theological Union.

Beginning in 1981, Sister Rosemary divided her time during the next 10 years between teaching at Holy Child Academy in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania (1981-1986) and Annunciation School in Washington, D.C. (1986-1991). All this led up to the crowning ministry of her life: 12 years at Saint Mary of the Assumption School in Philadelphia, where she served as principal and was indispensable to the pastors at both Saint Mary’s and the neighboring Saint Lucy Parish. As a pastoral minister, she often visited the hospitalized parishioners.

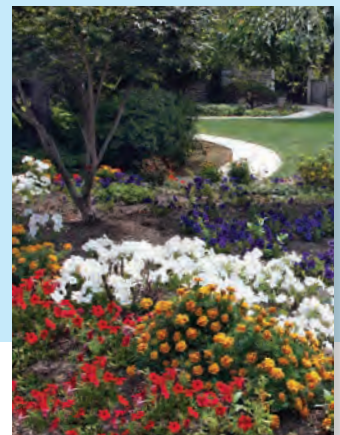
Gloria Coleman, SHCJ, offered the following about her friend, “Sister Rosemary was a true friend whose life was personified by her goodness, her caring, and her faithfulness to so many in her life of service.” She will be deeply missed.



## *Prayer Cards from the Holy Child Sisters*

**The Holy Child Sisters’ prayer cards provide a meaningful way to remember your friends and family in times of sorrow or happiness, including special occasions such as a birthday, anniversary, or new job. The Sisters find joy in knowing that their prayers serve as a source of love and support.**

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# FOURTEENTH ANNUAL HOLY CHILD Awards Dinner

On Thursday, March 24, 2022, the Society of the Holy Child Jesus hosted its Fourteenth Holy Child Awards Dinner in Pasadena, California, at The Westin Hotel. Nearly 140 Holy Child Sisters, Associates, alumni, friends, students, and supporters gathered to celebrate and honor this year's Holy Child Award recipients – Marina Alma Marmolejo and Margaret M. Morrow.

The Society recognized Marina and Margaret for their zeal, compassion, reverence, and action in serving others as they "meet the wants of the age." Marina was presented with the Holy Child Spirit Award and Margaret received the Faith in Action Award.

We thank our Awards Dinner Honorary Committee, sponsors, donors, schools, and ministries for joining with the Holy Child Sisters on this celebratory evening and for their love and service!

***Congratulations to Marina and Margaret!***



*Theresa Gartland, '99, Connelly School of the Holy Child, Potomac, MD, and 2014 Holy Child Spirit Award Honoree, serves as Master of Ceremonies.*



*American Province Leader, Carroll Juliano, SHCJ, congratulates the 2022 Honorees.*



*Karen and Stephen Sweeney present Margaret M. Morrow (center) with the 2022 Faith in Action Award.*



*Dr. Rosemarie Diaz presents her daughter, Marina, with the 2022 Holy Child Spirit Award.*





*American Province Leader, Carroll Juliano, SHCJ, greets the Invocation readers, Thomas Klarin, Student Body President, Mayfield Junior School of the Holy Child Jesus, class of 2022, and Maria Dilbeck, Mayfield Junior School of the Holy Child Jesus, class of 2018, and Student Body President, Mayfield Senior School of the Holy Child, class of 2022.*



*Marina Alma Marmolejo (center) with Joe Sciuto, Head of School, Mayfield Junior School of the Holy Child Jesus, and Kate Morin, Head of School, Mayfield Senior School of the Holy Child Jesus.*



*(Left to right) Stephen Sweeney, Awards Dinner Honorary Committee Member, Eileen McDevitt, SHCJ, Director of Holy Child Network of Schools, Jennifer Landis, Head of School, Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, Summit, NJ, and Kathryn McGroarty, Upper School Division Head, Oak Knoll.*



*(Left to right) Ted and Tina Fogliani, Annette Brandin, Awards Dinner Honorary Committee Member, and Susan Slater, SHCJ.*



*Mothers and daughters serve on the Awards Dinner Honorary Committee.*

*(Left to right) Maureen Sweeney '01, Mayfield Junior School of the Holy Child Jesus, and '05, Mayfield Senior School of the Holy Child Jesus, Otilia (Tillie) Collins, Karen Sweeney, Maria (Mimi) Stolpe '79, Mayfield Junior School of the Holy Child Jesus, and '83, Mayfield Senior School of the Holy Child Jesus.*



*Guests enjoy the performance of Mayfield Senior Women's Ensemble under the direction of Andrew Alvarez.*



*(Left to right) Joe Sciuto, Head of School, Mayfield Junior School of the Holy Child Jesus, Frances White, SHCJ, and Marcie Sciuto.*



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

- Venerable Cornelia Connelly



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in my heart for the  
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Child Jesus. If my  
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their mission and  
ministries, I am  
very grateful.”

– Carol (Coulter)  
McMenamin,  
Holy Child Academy,  
Portland, Oregon



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Thank  
you





# 2021 IMPACT REPORT

## Dear Friends,

Throughout our yearlong 175th Anniversary celebration, your commitment to advance the Holy Child mission was both humbling and inspiring. It was also a testament to our community's enduring faith and resilience, especially in the face of the ongoing pandemic.

As a community, we rejoiced in God's presence and honored all those who have served throughout the Society's history, giving special thanks to our Foundress, Venerable Cornelia Connelly. As a part of the celebration, I had the privilege to gather testimonials from students, alumnae/i, faculty, staff, and trustees, as well as those served by the Society's social justice ministries. The testimonials were jubilant and enormously moving. They were also a powerful reminder of the Society's impact and the important work being done in our ministries, thanks to your support.

In order to show the impact of your gifts, including your time, talent, prayers, and donations, this year we are transitioning from publishing an annual report to

creating an impact report. We believe this new format will strengthen our connection to all of you, our partners in mission, and better highlight the work of Holy Child's educational, social justice, and spiritual and healing ministries. Requiring less printed matter, the new format also fulfills the Pope's call and the Sisters' commitment to care for "Our Own Dear Planet."

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments related to the 2021 Impact Report or anything else. We love hearing from you and appreciate your insights.

Sister Carroll Juliano and I thank you for your support and partnership in mission. As we endeavor to "meet the wants of the age," it is your love and generosity that fuels our work here at the Society.

Gratefully,

Sandra Lovascio  
*Director of Mission Advancement*

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## EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES

### *Cornelia Connelly Center (New York, New York)*

Founded in 1993, Cornelia Connelly Center empowers at-risk girls to reach their full potential. Starting as early as fourth grade, students can enter the CCC program, where they are embraced fully and learn to grow spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally.

In grade six, Upper School students enter CCC's innovative Graduate Support Program, which provides the foundation for success in high school. After graduating high school, students continue to receive support through CCC's GSP 2.0 Program. GSP 2.0 ensures students graduate college and have a robust network of supporters, including alumnae. At Cornelia Connelly Center, young women learn to shine and lead —transforming their lives and their communities.

#### **Middle School Program 2021-22 Profile**

- 82 students, fourth through eighth grades
- 64% of students qualify for free/reduced lunch
- 72% of students qualify for public/free housing
- 79% Hispanic, 12% multiracial, 7% African American, 2% Asian

#### **Graduate Support Program 2021-22 Profile**

- 64 graduates, ninth grade through college
- \$7,585 annual cost per graduate
- 42 graduates in GSP 2.0
- 500+ CCC alumnae in high school, college, and beyond

## SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES

### *Casa Cornelia Law Center (San Diego, California)*

For almost 30 years, Casa Cornelia Law Center has provided pro bono legal services to more than 15,000 indigent children, women, and men from Southern California's immigrant community. Casa Cornelia's mission is rooted in the Society's tradition of service and Cornelia's enduring values of love and perseverance. With "Actions Not Words," it serves the most vulnerable among us and educates others on the impact of immigration law and policy.





# Child Mission

**"THIS IS THE TIME TO ASK FOR GREAT THINGS: FAITH, ZEAL, GENEROSITY, HUMILITY, CHARITY."**

*-Venerable Cornelia Connolly*

In 2021, Casa Corneilia Law Center provided essential legal assistance, humanitarian protection, and referrals for the following:

- 1,949 individuals, who were from 59 countries and spoke 40 different languages.
- 1,007 children, with 687 of them detained in restrictive settings.
- 514 asylum seekers from around the world.
- 428 victims of crime, including victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.

## SPIRITUAL AND HEALING MINISTRIES

### *Holy Child Center (Rosemont, Pennsylvania)*

After a lifetime of teaching, ministering to the poor, providing spiritual guidance, and advocating for social justice, Holy Child Sisters retire from active ministry to the Holy Child Center in Rosemont, Pennsylvania. There, the Sisters continue to minister through the power of prayer and live either independently or with assisted nursing care.

In recent years, with a focus on the aging population of Sisters, the American Province created alternative housing options that allow the Sisters to remain independent and engaged in pastoral and social activities. Sisters who live independently in assisted living facilities and apartment settings experience the value of "elevator ministry" in mediating God's love and peace to their neighbors. They participate in book clubs, prayer groups, and other social activities with a wide spectrum of older adults.

Many Sisters serve the larger community by visiting the sick, offering pastoral services to area parishes, and volunteering at Holy Child ministries. In retirement, the Sisters continue to embrace all apostolic opportunities, including the new ones they find living in apartment settings.



During all stages of life, Holy Child Sisters dedicate their God-given gifts and talents "to meet the wants of the age."

Although COVID-19 has significantly impacted the Sisters and the day-to-day operation of the Holy Child Center, the Society and their partners in mission have responded with creativity and zeal. All remain focused on addressing the social, emotional, and financial challenges presented.

A monthly increase in operational expenses for each department, beyond the regular day-to-day, includes the following:

- \$300 Dining Services – individual room service and disposable dinnerware supplies.
- \$425 Housekeeping Services – supplies (electrostatic sprayer, disinfectant cleaners, and wipes) for sanitizing all public spaces and each Sister's residence.
- \$210 Life Enrichment – visits with each Sister during this time of isolation.
- \$500 Nursing – PPE supplies for all HCC staff including masks for the Sisters.



## Designate Your United Way Gift

Holy Child Center is eligible to receive donations through the Donor Option Program of the United Way Campaign of Southeastern Pennsylvania. The Society's United Way designation code is #07586. Your gift extends support for the elderly Sisters' care and retirement.

**For other geographic areas with a Donor Option Program, our designation is:**

Holy Child Center  
1341 Montgomery Avenue  
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## Participating United Way Agencies

Truist  
UW of Greater Atlanta  
UW of Greater Philadelphia  
and Southern New Jersey  
Valley of the Sun United Way



# Summary of Annual Appeal Giving

	Number of Donors	Funds Raised
Academy of the Holy Child - Portland, OR	42	\$15,633
Annunciation Catholic School - Washington, DC	5	\$1,430
Cornelia Connelly School of the Holy Child - Anaheim, CA	7	\$1,875
Holy Child Academy - Sharon Hill, PA	184	\$46,982
Holy Child High School - Waukegan, IL	95	\$33,955
Holy Spirit School - Sharon Hill, PA	2	\$600
School of the Holy Child - Suffern, NY	41	\$22,195
School of the Holy Child Jesus, Senior School - Rosemont, PA	39	\$5,630
St. Anastasia Catholic School - Waukegan, IL	3	\$1,800
St. Edward the Confessor School - Philadelphia, PA	4	\$275
St. Elizabeth School - New York, NY	3	\$750
St. Ignatius School - Chicago, IL	18	\$6,935
St. Leonard's Academy - Philadelphia, PA	113	\$45,301
St. Leonard's Boys School - Philadelphia, PA	11	\$1,625
St. Mary High School - Melrose, MA	47	\$7,809
St. Mary of the Annunciation School - Melrose, MA	4	\$550
St. Rose School - Portland, OR	3	\$1,800
West Catholic Girls High School - Philadelphia, PA	8	\$1,250
Holy Child Network of Schools	27	\$9,962
<b>Alums</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>\$206,357</b>
Archdioceses		\$18,619
Corporations/Foundations/Matching Gifts		\$20,480
Family		\$55,894
Friends		\$117,802
Organizations		\$7,000
Parishes		\$3,000
Schools and Class Gifts		\$1,970
<b>Other Support</b>		<b>\$224,765</b>
<b>Total Giving - Annual Appeal</b>		<b>\$431,122</b>

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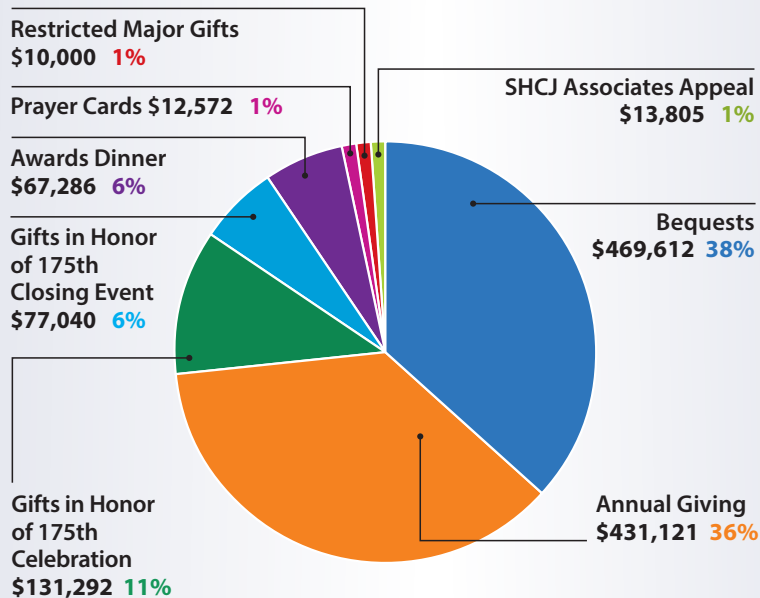


# Financial Summary

## January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

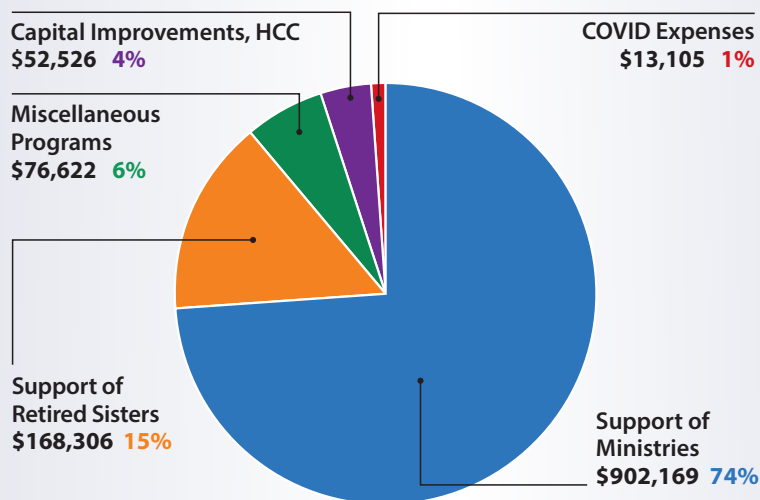
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**Total: \$1,212,728**



### Uses of Funds Raised: *Mission Advancement Programs*

**Total: \$1,212,728**



### Participate in Matching Gifts

When an employee makes a charitable donation, his/her employer might make a matching gift.

Increase your support by contacting your Human Resource Office and completing the matching gift form to designate the Society of the Holy Child Jesus — American Province as the match recipient.



*Your generous donations support our ministries around the world.*

# All-Class Reunions

HOLY CHILD ACADEMY, SHARON HILL, PA





## SAINT LEONARD'S ACADEMY, PHILADELPHIA, PA



**Planning a reunion? Need a class list? Have reunion photos or memories to share?**

Contact Regina DiGuilio, Assistant Director of Mission Advancement,  
at 610.626.1400, ext.1315, or [rdiguilio1359@gmail.com](mailto:rdiguilio1359@gmail.com).



# Congratulations to Our 2022-2028 SOCIETY LEADERSHIP TEAM!

The Society of the Holy Child Jesus is delighted to announce that the Leadership Team for the years 2022-2028 has been elected at the Delegate Session of its 28th General Chapter in Nemi, Italy.

Sister Pauline Darby, a member of the European Province, was elected to a six-year term as Society Leader. She is currently completing a six-year term as a member of the Society Leadership Team, which is based in Rome.

Joining Sister Pauline on the Society Leadership Team is Sisters Susan Igelle and Oyidu Okwori from the African Province and Sister Carmen Torres of the American Province.

The Society Leadership Team promotes a spirit of mutuality, collaboration, and interdependence within the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. The Leadership Team

generally lives and works in Rome and provides spiritual and administrative leadership for the Society. They visit Holy Child Sisters, schools, and ministries in the African, American, and European Provinces to foster the Holy Child mission and unity throughout the world. The Society Leadership Team also collaborates with other religious communities on issues related to justice, peace, care of creation, and human development.



***We extend our prayers and best wishes to Sisters Pauline, Susan, Oyidu, and Carmen!***

*The 2022-2028 Society Leadership Team (left to right), Holy Child Sisters Oyidu Okwori, Pauline Darby (Society Leader), Susan Igelle, and Carmen Torres (2022).*





# CELEBRATING OUR 2022 Jubilarians

75  
YEARS



Gloria Coleman,  
SHCJ

75  
YEARS



Rosemary Hayes,  
SHCJ

70  
YEARS



Elizabeth Loomis,  
SHCJ

60  
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Marlene Brownnett,  
SHCJ

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Margaret Crowley,  
SHCJ

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Margaret Doherty,  
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*The Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus and their colleagues serve in educational, social justice, and spiritual and healing ministries. The Society of the Holy Child Jesus in the Americas sponsors the ministries below:*

### CALIFORNIA

Casa Cornelia Law Center  
(San Diego)

Mayfield Junior School  
of the Holy Child Jesus  
(Pasadena)

Mayfield Senior School  
of the Holy Child Jesus  
(Pasadena)

South Central Los Angeles  
Ministry Project  
(Los Angeles)

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

African Faith and Justice Network  
Washington School for Girls

### ILLINOIS

Cristo Rey St. Martin College Prep  
(Waukegan)

### MARYLAND

Connelly School of the Holy Child  
(Potomac)

### NEW JERSEY

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child  
(Summit)

### NEW YORK

Cornelia Connelly Center  
(New York City)

Cristo Rey New York High School  
(New York City)

Holy Child Academy  
(Old Westbury)

School of the Holy Child  
(Rye)

UNANIMA International  
(NGO, United Nations)

### PENNSYLVANIA

African Sisters Education Collaborative  
(Scranton)

Holy Child Academy  
(Drexel Hill)

Holy Child School at Rosemont  
(Rosemont)

Hope Partnership for Education  
(Philadelphia)

Providence Center  
(Philadelphia)

Rosemont College  
(Rosemont)

### CHILE

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**Cornelia Connelly  
High School  
Class of 1971 Fifty + One Reunion  
Saturday, August 20, 2022**

**Holy Child Academy, Sharon Hill  
Class of 1972 Reunion  
Sunday, September 18, 2022**

**Holy Child Academy, Portland  
All-Class Reunion  
Saturday, October 15, 2022**

**Holy Child Academy, Sharon Hill  
All-Class Reunion  
Sunday, October 16, 2022**

**Cornelia Connelly High School  
The Connelly-Rosary-Servite  
Class of 2002 Reunion  
Saturday, October 22, 2022**

**Cornelia Connelly High School  
The Connelly-Rosary-Servite  
Class of 2012 Reunion  
Saturday, December 17, 2022**