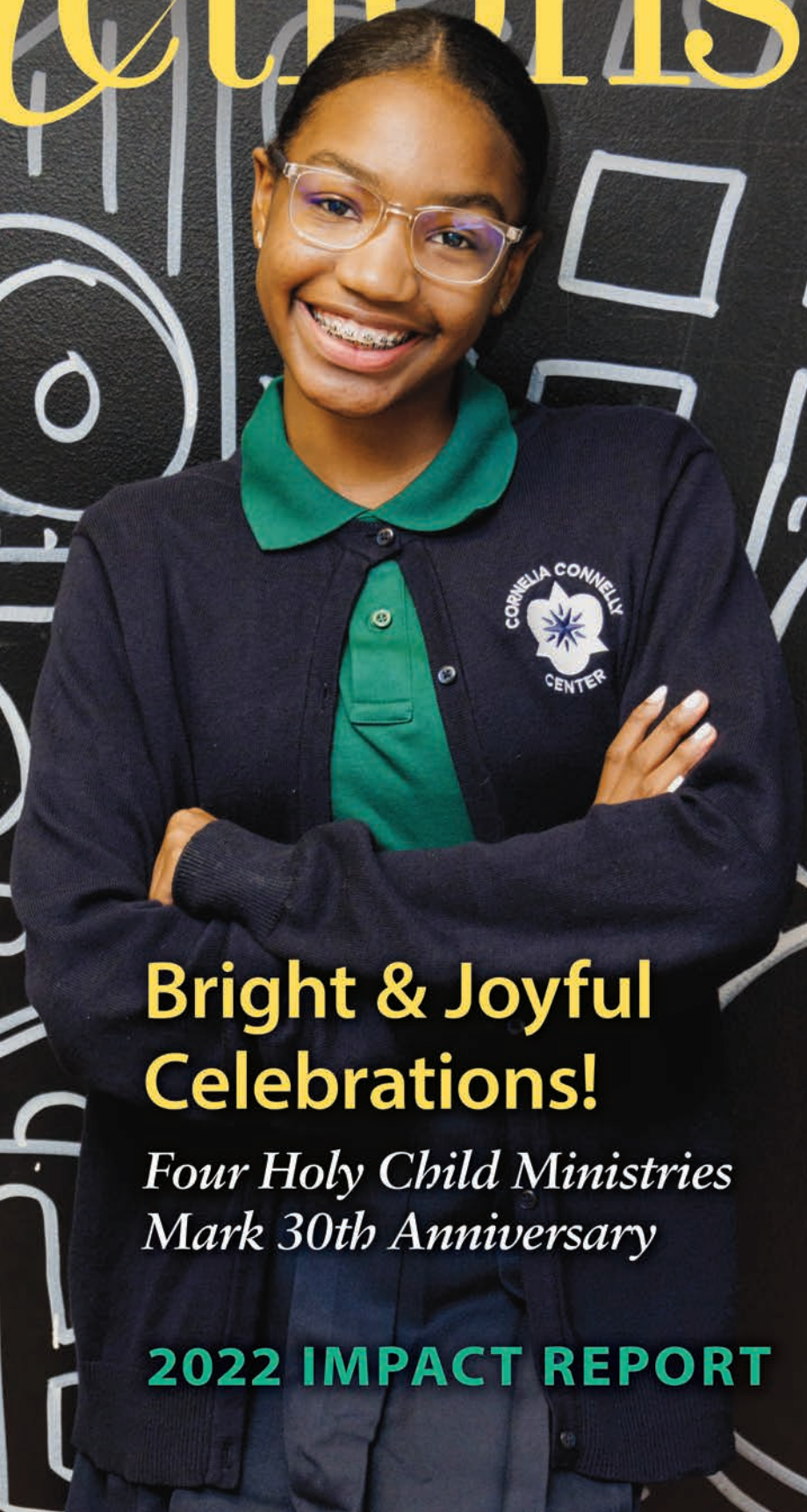


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**Bright & Joyful
Celebrations!**

*Four Holy Child Ministries
Mark 30th Anniversary*

2022 IMPACT REPORT



DEAR FRIENDS,

As we complete our 2017-2023 term, the American Province Leadership Team of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus is filled with hope for the future and gratitude for our Holy Child family's love and support. As outgoing Province Leader, I thank you on behalf of my team (Kathy Cordes, SHCJ, Francine Gunther, SHCJ, Carol Ann Knight, SHCJ, and Anita Quigley, SHCJ) for your trust and the privilege to serve during the last six years.

With "a bright and joyful spirit," the theme of this issue of *Actions*, I am honored to announce that the American Province will be led by Mary Ann Buckley, SHCJ, and her team of three, Mary Kerner, SHCJ, Jeanne Ronzani, SHCJ, and Marie Ursino, SHCJ. Their term will start June 1, 2023, and continue through May 31, 2026. These "daughters of Cornelia," with their incredible gifts and deep faith, will continue to advance the Society's mission and serve with "a love full of action." Please join the American Province in praying for them and their upcoming ministry.

This year, Casa Cornelia Law Center in San Diego, Cornelia Connelly Center for Education in New York City, Providence Center in Philadelphia, and South Central Los Angeles Ministry Project (South Central LAMP) in Los Angeles are all celebrating 30th anniversaries. In the following pages, you can read stories about how all four of these ministries continue "to meet the wants of the age" with a "bright and joyful spirit." Thank you to the Sisters, staff, board members, and supporters, both past and present, who have contributed to the success of these ministries.

This June, we celebrate the jubilees of eight Holy Child Sisters. On page 26, please join us in honoring and giving

thanks for these Sisters. We also remember the lives of two deceased Sisters, Virginia Skrdlant, SHCJ, and Joanne Sullivan, SHCJ, on page 22.

Beginning on page 15, I invite you to read the Mission Advancement Office's 2022 Impact Report, which includes highlights of how your contributions directly supported the American Province's work. I am deeply grateful to our Holy Child Associates, alumni/ae, donors, collaborators, and friends for their contributions. Thank you!

Again, as I step down as Province Leader, I am inspired by and thankful for your love of the Society and its mission. As we move forward in partnership, may Sister Mary Ann Buckley, her leadership team, and all of you be blessed with God's grace and goodness and sustain a "bright and joyful spirit."

Have a safe and blessed summer!

Gratefully,

Carroll Juliano, SHCJ

Carroll Juliano, SHCJ
American Province Leader



On Our Cover:

Cornelia Connelly Center student Skye W. poses in front of a school mural.
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CORNELIA CONNELLY CENTER

Celebrating 30 Years of a *Bright & Joyful Spirit*

By Cassandra Moran, Cornelia Connelly Middle School '14

With a mission grounded in educational equity, Cornelia Connelly Center champions young women and girls in New York City to embrace their full potential, from middle school through college and beyond!

This year, Cornelia Connelly Center (CCC) celebrates 30 years of its "bright & joyful" heritage. Founded in 1993 by the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus, CCC inspires its community

to build a more just world while celebrating its students' and graduates' gifts and talents. CCC educators, many of whom are graduates of Holy Child schools, cultivate in their students a trust and reverence for the dignity of all human beings, a core tenet of Venerable Cornelia Connelly's educational philosophy. CCC currently has four of its alumni and four graduates from other Holy Child schools who serve as teachers and staff.

Since opening its doors 30 years ago, CCC, New York City's only full scholarship Catholic middle school and Graduate





“... 99% of Connelly middle school students feel that CCC supports who they are ...”

Support Program, has enrolled more than 530 young women. Once enrolled, each student receives financial, academic, social, and emotional support from fourth grade through college graduation. A joyful and holistic program, CCC welcomes students in middle school, who, after their eighth-grade graduation, continue their academic journey with the guidance of the center’s Graduate Support Program (GSP), which is located on the same campus as the middle school. GSP provides ongoing services and support, such as college counseling and SAT prep, to their students who have graduated from CCC’s middle school and are attending high school.



CCC provides young women with uninterrupted educational support and mentorship during a developmentally and academically important time, all in a nurturing environment. Each student is given the time and resources to advance on the path of her choice. As a result, 99% of Connelly middle school students feel that CCC supports who they are, and its nurturing environment gives them the space and resources to develop into the people they want to be.

CCC is intentionally small, with a 10:1 student-to-teacher ratio, which results in a learning environment where every girl is seen and valued. To accelerate academic achievement, every student receives individualized attention based on her strengths, interests, and needs. This individualized approach



and continuation of services ensures students feel confident in their ability to succeed in college and beyond. CCC is proud to share that 100% of the 2022 GSP class are enrolled in college.

Throughout its 30-year history, CCC has constructed an academic, social, and emotional framework that ensures sustained excellence and high achievement, as evidenced by a four-year high school graduation rate of 95% and a college completion rate of 81%. The achievement of its students has been made possible by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus' ongoing support and generosity.

On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, CCC's 30th Anniversary Gala celebrated the foundation of its "bright & joyful spirit" by proudly commemorating its inaugural community and honoring the Society of the Holy Child Jesus for its invaluable support. We are deeply grateful to the Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus and the Holy Child community!

Interested in learning more about Cornellia Connelly Center? Visit our website, www.connellycenter.org, or see us in action at 220 East 4th Street!

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CASA CORNELIA LAW CENTER

Justice With Compassion — A 30-Year Journey

By Carmen Chavez, Executive Director

Some 30 years ago, the San Ysidro Port of Entry along the border between San Diego, California, and Tijuana, Mexico, was a different place.

Then, people from both sides of the border easily crossed from one side to the other, and immigration officers were satisfied with a simple declaration of citizenship. Today, the situation is starkly different, with a militarized border and a massive steel wall reaching into the sea and threatening San Diego's Friendship Park.

This is not to say that migrants did not jump the chain fence at nightfall and cross into the United States back then. Silhouetted by the glow of fires in the Tijuana Riverbed, seasonal workers routinely hopped the fence and ventured north to follow the crops. Among them were asylum seekers, who were fleeing the military juntas of Central America and victims of human rights violations. They were also some of those first served by the Casa Cornelia Law Center in 1993, when the Society of the Holy Child Jesus founded the Center.

Three decades ago, with a small staff of attorneys, Casa Cornelia Law Center opened its doors, representing no more than a dozen asylum seekers, the majority coming from



Casa Cornelia Law Center's board of trustees gather for a meeting in December 2022.

the highlands of Guatemala. Soon after, however, waves of Somalis, then Iraqis, Haitians, Cubans, Venezuelans—people across the globe who were suffering political upheaval and oppression—followed. Now, people from Ukraine, Afghanistan, and Russia are coming, too.

Casa Cornelia Law Center has served an estimated 27,000 victimized men, women, and children, including asylum seekers, victims of violent crimes and trafficking, and unaccompanied children. Last year, 12 staff attorneys, together with 370 volunteer attorneys, responded to 2,300





Casa Cornelia Law Center honors volunteers, attorneys, law firms, interpreters, translators, and community members at its 15th Annual La Mancha Awards.

victims from 78 countries. Original office space in a condo now occupies almost 7,000 square feet near downtown San Diego. An initial budget of \$75,000, in 1993, grew to \$3,500,000, in 2023.

We are filled with gratitude for the blessings God has showered on the Center and the support of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus for the last 30 years. However, anniversaries are not only an important time to look back and celebrate, but also to consider the future as we “meet the wants of the age,” an imperative for the Society’s ministries.

Although the immigration crisis is worldwide, the crisis along the Mexican/American border between Tijuana and Mexicali has a special claim on Casa Cornelia Law Center. The challenge of providing legal representation to the growing number of asylum seekers with credible claims, as well as humane options for those who do not, requires enormous generosity and creativity. Trusting that God hears the cry of the poor, Casa Cornelia will continue to pursue its mission of seeking justice with compassion and for decades to come – *ad multos annos!*



PROVIDENCE CENTER CELEBRATES

By Siria Rivera, Executive Director of Providence Center

Meet Virgin Cruz, or as we know her best, Vee. Vee's journey at Providence Center is one of many that shows "why" Providence Center is so special and important!

In 2011, at age 14, Vee joined Providence Center's POWER program, an after-school initiative that provides a safe and caring environment for kindergarten through sixth grade students to grow into their unique selves. Vee was a POWER Program Teen Leader, mentoring the younger children while continuing to work on her own goals with help from the Center's staff. Vee's compassion, contagious smile, and determination made her a great role model for our younger students. In fact, she inspired several younger students to become Teen Leaders themselves.

Vee's impressive work and growth at Providence Center were evident to everyone who knew her. Vee reflected, "Providence Center is like a home, but everyone there



(Above) Virgin (Vee) Cruz, on right, hugs a fellow afterschool program student.

(Below) Along with a fellow teen leader, Virgin (Vee) Cruz celebrates her high school graduation.



30 YEARS!

tries to make you grow wings so you can fly to other places. I feel like that's what they always push me to do."

It did not take long for Vee to spread her wings. When she graduated from high school, Vee was named Lead Teacher of the after-school program, where she excelled and took on additional responsibilities in support of the Center's families and children. At the age of 21, Vee was promoted to program coordinator, working closely with our program director to support Teen Leaders. Vee explained why she works at Providence. "Being here...it's about the kids' futures. Many of them don't have anyone in their lives who are always there for them or able to help."



Virgin (Vee) Cruz, as Providence Center's afterschool program teacher, helps a student.

Today, Vee, a new mom to a beautiful baby girl, is a first-generation college graduate with a degree in behavioral health counseling from Drexel University. When asked about her time at Providence as a teen and young adult, Vee said,

"Being a part of Providence Center gives me a sense of belonging. It has given me opportunities to connect with people and to reach my goals. It has always made me feel safe and secure.

It's important for everyone to find an environment where they can thrive and grow." Vee's journey captures the impact



Virgin (Vee) Cruz, as Providence Center's program coordinator, welcomes students to the Center after picking them up from their neighborhood school.

of Providence's youth development programming and the importance for children to have a safe space where they can express themselves.

As Providence Center celebrates 30 years of service in North Philadelphia's Fairhill neighborhood, stories like Vee's are a powerful reminder of Providence Center's "why." Operating in one of the city's poorest neighborhoods, Providence Center offers a path forward for people who are filled with promise but often lack the resources and support to succeed. Vee, and everyone who supports Providence Center's mission, positively influences our work and helps us meet the needs of our community.

The Sisters of the Holy Child Jesus have been serving the Fairhill community since 1886, when they ministered and taught at Saint Edward Parish and Saint Edward School. In 1993, after the Archdiocese of Philadelphia closed the parish and school, the Sisters responded by opening Providence Center, which offers life-changing educational programs to children, teens, and adults. To learn more, visit <https://www.providencephilly.org>.

Supporting the South Central Community for 30 Years!

By Diana Pinto, Executive Director of South Central LAMP

In 1992, in response to civil unrest in Los Angeles, eight congregations of women religious did something that few were willing to do — they took action! Now, South Central Los Angeles Ministry Project (South Central LAMP) is blessed to turn 30 this year.



At South Central LAMP's 2022 Graduation, a mother celebrates her achievements.

Working shoulder-to-shoulder with the residents, the sisters committed to helping the South Central Los Angeles community rebuild. They understood that meaningful change and the rebirth of sustainable neighborhoods required the residents' voices, needs, and ideas to be at the heart of the rebuilding effort. So the sisters started by hosting town halls, canvassing neighborhoods, and organizing meetings, where the residents could discuss their concerns and share their ideas.

As a result, in 1993, South Central LAMP was born. Since then, it has provided educational programs that empower women and their families, build self-esteem, and strengthen

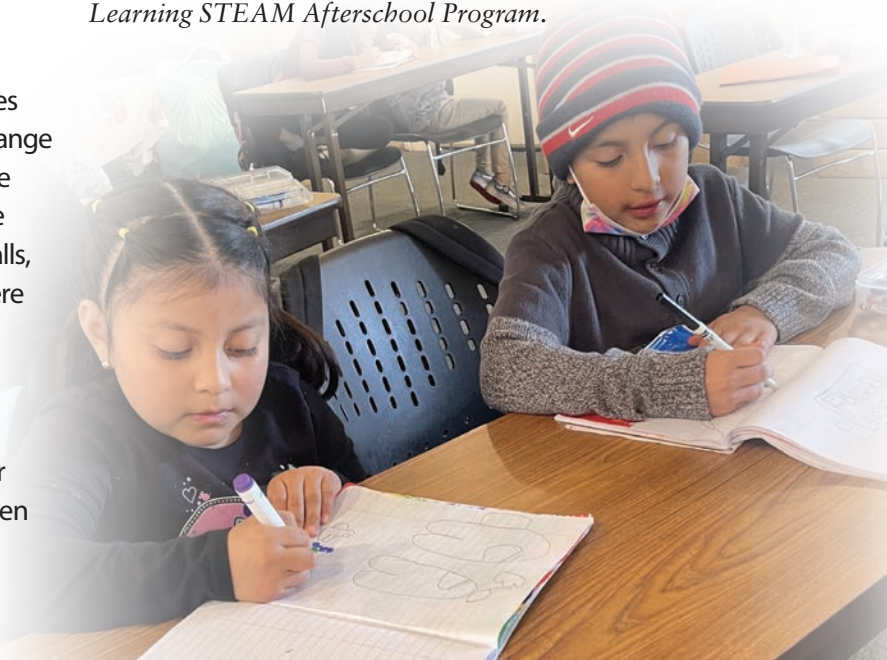
community relationships, all in a supportive, nurturing environment. Throughout its decades-long existence, South Central LAMP has tailored its programs to meet the evolving needs of immigrant families. Today, South Central LAMP ensures a two-generational learning approach in its programming.

South Central LAMP's Family Literacy Program takes a holistic approach, supporting both the mother and child. The mothers participate in English, parenting, and literacy classes, as well as workshops on leadership, community advocacy, and child development. While the mothers are in class, their children attend South Central LAMP's early education program, which prepares them for kindergarten. The women also work with a family advocate, who helps them achieve their goals by identifying and removing roadblocks to success.

A key component of the early education program is student assessment. Using research-based assessment tools, teachers can identify students' developmental or learning differences, ensuring early diagnosis and getting students the help they need, including outside of South Central LAMP.

With its high-quality programs for both children and adults, South Central LAMP continues to build on what the sisters

Children complete their homework in the new Expanded Learning STEAM Afterschool Program.





South Central LAMP's mothers are busy at work in their ESL classes.

started 30 years ago. Its approach today reflects the vision developed by the sisters, including listening to the community and responding to their changing needs. New programs are frequently added, including an afterschool STEAM program, online parenting classes in English and Spanish, a kinship program, and afternoon adult classes.

What has also remained constant is South Central LAMP's commitment to the South Central Los Angeles community. With its core mission to empower women and families to reach their full potential, South Central LAMP has served thousands of women and their families, altering the trajectory of their lives and the communities where they live.



(Above) At South Central LAMP's 2022 Children Graduation, one pre-kindergarten student shows that she's on her way to kindergarten.



Prayer to Beatify Venerable 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 Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, at info@cathedralphila.org.

Congratulations to Our

2023-2026 AMERICAN PROVINCE LEADERSHIP TEAM!

On Thursday, March 9, 2023, the Leadership Team of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, based in Rome, Italy, announced the next American Province Leadership Team, who will serve from June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2026.

The new Province Leader is Mary Ann Buckley, SHCJ. Joining Sister Mary Ann on the Province Leadership Team (PLT) are Mary Kerner, SHCJ, Jeanne Ronzani, SHCJ, and Marie Ursino, SHCJ.

As *Actions* goes to print, plans are underway to install the new team. We look forward to sharing photos from this historic celebration in the next edition.

In the meantime, we offer our prayers and blessings to the new Province Leadership Team!

On March 9, 2023, the Society of the Holy Child Jesus named the 2023-2026 American Province Leadership Team. Sitting (from left) Jeanne Ronzani, SHCJ, and Mary Ann Buckley, SHCJ.

Standing (from left) Marie Ursino, SHCJ, and Mary Kerner, SHCJ.





Walk the sacred paths of **VENERABLE CORNELIA CONNELLY**

Louisiana and Mississippi Pilgrimage Five-Day Tour: April 7 – 12, 2024

Itinerary Highlights

Explore cities where Cornelia experienced major turning points in her spiritual life and her faith in God deepened.

April 7: New Orleans Airport (MSY) Arrival

Upon arrival, you will be greeted in the baggage claim area by Allons À Lafayette, Inc. tour guide. After check-in at Wyndham New Orleans - French Quarter, 124 Royal Street, you will have free time to explore the antique shops and art galleries on Royal Street and walk to Bourbon Street, the heart of the French Quarter.

April 8: New Orleans

Visit St. Louis Cathedral and the Old Ursuline Convent. In the Convent's courtyard, there is a statue of the Venerable Cornelia Connelly. Your afternoon is open to sightseeing at your leisure. In the evening enjoy a Natchez Steamboat Jazz cruise and dinner.

April 9: Lafayette

Arrive in Lafayette and check-in at the Comfort Suites Oil Center, 114 Rue Fernand. Take a guided walking tour and enjoy the panoramic view of the city. Visit St. John's Cathedral and St. John's Cemetery and see the 500-year-old mighty oak tree.

April 10: Grand Coteau

Travel to Grand Coteau and tour Sacred Heart Academy, where Cornelia taught and lived on the property. Visit St. Charles Borromeo and the parish cemetery, where two of Cornelia's and Pierce's children, Mary Magdalen and John Henry, are buried; see the Jesuit Spirituality Center at St. Charles College. Visit Opelousas, the closest village to Grand Coteau. Tour the Orphan Train Museum.

April 11: Natchez

Depart Lafayette for a day trip to Natchez, Mississippi. Enjoy the panoramic view and walking tour of the area. Visit Trinity Church, where Cornelia's husband, Pierce, was Rector and free time to explore Natchez before returning to Lafayette.

April 12: New Orleans Airport

Depart Lafayette for New Orleans Airport for return flight.

Land Only

\$3,000

Single Occupancy

\$2,800

Double Occupancy



YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Five nights stay in first-class hotels
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Please make your air travel arrangements so that your flight arrives at the New Orleans airport (MSY) on April 7, 2024, before 1:00 p.m. and your departing flight from New Orleans leaves after 2:00 p.m. on April 12, 2024.

**Visit: <https://www.shcj.org/american/news-events/walk-the-sacred-path-of-venerable-cornelia-connelly/>
for detailed information and to register. Initial deposit due by Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023.**

Final payment due on Dec. 15, 2023.

Cornelia's Philadelphia

For 2023-2024, the American Province has organized three pilgrimages to “walk in the sacred paths” of Venerable Cornelia Connelly, foundress of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus.

In April 2023, 30 people participated in the first pilgrimage, in Philadelphia, Pa., where Cornelia lived until the age of 22. The pilgrimage started in historic downtown and ended at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, where participants attended a special Mass and visited the Shrine of the Holy Child and Memorial to Venerable Cornelia Connelly. One of the pilgrims, Ana Moher, an alumna of Mayfield School, East Sussex, England, reflected, “It is incredible to me that, despite facing terrible difficulties one after the other, Cornelia did not allow herself to fall into despair or bitterness. Instead, out of her suffering, she created something wonderful, which has touched the lives of thousands and made this world a better place in a very tangible way.”



**For information on the Pilgrimage to England (October 2023),
contact Sandy Lovascio at slovascio@shcj.org.**



Thank
You



2022 IMPACT REPORT

Dear Friends,

More than 175 years ago, when Venerable Cornelia Connelly founded the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, she urged her Sisters to model themselves on the Holy Child and to live their lives fully and with “a love full of action.”

Today, despite an unsettled world and uncertain future, the Holy Child community, with the Sisters at its core, continues to be inspired by Cornelia’s words and more determined than ever to “meet the wants of the age.”

As a member of the Holy Child community, you have made this possible through your ongoing commitment to the Society and enduring faith in God. Quite simply, your actions exemplify what it means to live fully and with “a love full of action.” It is your support and partnership that enable the Sisters to fulfill the Society’s mission and to serve those in need, including in educational, spiritual and healing, and social justice ministries.

Sister Carroll Juliano and I are filled with gratitude for all your support, including your time, talent, prayers, and financial donation, which is highlighted in the

2022 Impact Report. With God’s love and you as our partner, we are also filled with hope as we endeavor to “meet the wants of the age” and “help people believe that God lives and acts in them and in our world.”

We know how truly blessed we are to have you as a member of the Holy Child community, so please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding the 2022 Impact Report or anything else. We love hearing from you and appreciate your insights.

Gratefully,

Sandra Lovascio
Director of Mission Advancement

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Sustain a bright and

Venerable Cornelia Connelly, a woman of great vision, dedication, and spirituality, embraced many roles throughout her life, including as a wife, mother, teacher, and Foundress of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. In all these roles, she acted with a heart full of love and a determination to serve.

As Foundress of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, she set a course that would improve the lives of tens of thousands of people worldwide, especially women and children. She did so by creating an enduring framework for the Society that centered on “meeting the wants of the age.” These simple, yet powerful and timeless words continue to inspire the Society’s diverse and important ministries.

Since its onset, the Society’s educational, social justice, and spiritual and healing ministries have reflected not only the Society’s mission but also each Sister’s gifts and talents. With the Holy Child community’s support, Sisters continue to teach adults critical vocational skills, prepare students from low-income families for meaningful, faith-filled lives, help abused children find safe haven, and assist the ill in living with dignity. With God by their side, Holy Child Sisters make a measurable and critical difference every day.

As a member of the Holy Child community, you have partnered with the Sisters in remarkable and essential ways, allowing them to continue their important work in “meeting the wants of the age.” We hold you close in our hearts and prayers and thank you for all your support. Your gifts help to ensure that both Cornelia’s legacy and the Society’s mission endure.

Spiritual and Healing Ministry

Ellie Keenan, RN

As a nurse at Holy Child Center, I find it heartwarming to watch relationships grow between the Sisters and the staff at Holy Child Center.



One Sister, who lives with health limitations, is determined to write notes to staff members to thank them for helping her and the other Sisters. Another Sister makes time to pray for the intentions of our staff. She must have a direct connection to heaven! The Sisters’ kind acts and thoughtfulness always brighten the staff’s day.

Our staff displays genuine dedication, respect, and love for the Sisters by sharing stories of the Sisters they have cared for and remembering the Sisters with a smile. Many enjoy talking with the Sisters and learning about their loving years of service in ministry.

We are living out the Holy Child mission by enhancing each other’s lives every day.



Sister Katherine Tracy (above) and Sister Ann-Joyce Peters celebrate Valentine’s Day with the staff of the Holy Child Center.

joyful spirit. – Venerable Cornelia Connelly

Social Justice Ministry

Mary Alice Minogue, SHCJ



When Vatican Council II asked religious communities to send people to South America, the Society responded. With Cornelia's spirit of adventure and trust, the Sisters served in the desperately poor migrant worker camp in the Dominican Republic. During the Sisters' years of service, a group of Holy Child Associates was formed. Today, the leadership of the Associates continues to thrive and grow. These men and women carry on the work of the Society in new and adventurous ways.



Holy Child Associates in the Dominican Republic renew their commitment.

Education

Mary Hamilton, SHCJ

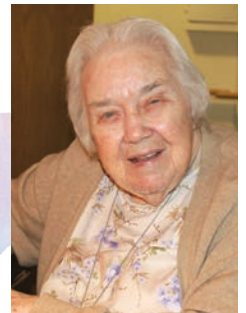


As a classroom teacher for nine years, I have always believed that students should learn more than what's in the official school curriculum. They should learn to value each other as gifts.

Cornelia's philosophy of education centers on the trust and reverence for the dignity and uniqueness of each person. She said that we should trust and respect all children. The world is a better place with them in it!

Rosemary McCarthy, SHCJ

I loved living in Portland, Oregon, and teaching at Holy Child Academy for 16 years.



I still hear from many of my former students. When I read their notes, I see them sitting at their desks dressed in their uniforms. I reread their messages every day and thank God a zillion times for the privilege of teaching these young women. I am most grateful to God for blessing me with happy memories, but most of all, for the joyful and friendly students that I taught.



This "bright and joyful" Cornelia Connelly Center student celebrates her accomplishments.



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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.

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	Number of Donors	Funds Raised
<i>Academy of the Holy Child - Portland, OR</i>	40	\$16,600
<i>Annunciation Catholic School - Washington, DC</i>	6	\$1,775
<i>Cornelia Connelly School of the Holy Child - Anaheim, CA</i>	10	\$1,170
<i>Holy Child Academy - Sharon Hill, PA</i>	130	\$58,136
<i>Holy Child High School - Waukegan, IL</i>	71	\$24,565
<i>Holy Spirit School - Sharon Hill, PA</i>	1	\$500
<i>School of the Holy Child - Suffern, NY</i>	32	\$39,825
<i>School of the Holy Child Jesus, Senior School - Rosemont, PA</i>	29	\$4,387
<i>St. Anastasia Catholic School - Waukegan, IL</i>	2	\$1,600
<i>St. Charles School - Portland, OR</i>	1	\$75
<i>St. Edward the Confessor School - Philadelphia, PA</i>	4	\$260
<i>St. Elizabeth School - New York, NY</i>	3	\$725
<i>St. Ignatius School - Chicago, IL</i>	13	\$8,353
<i>St. Leonard's Academy - Philadelphia, PA</i>	84	\$37,750
<i>St. Leonard's Boys School - Philadelphia, PA</i>	7	\$1,750
<i>St. Mary High School - Melrose, MA</i>	33	\$8,490
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<i>St. Rose School - Portland, OR</i>	3	\$1,450
<i>St. Walburga's Academy - Rye, NY</i>	2	\$400
<i>West Catholic Girls High School - Philadelphia, PA</i>	8	\$865
<i>Holy Child Network of Schools</i>	23	\$7,740
Alums	505	\$217,516
<i>Archdioceses</i>		\$10,933
<i>Corporations/Foundations/Matching Gifts</i>		\$12,329
<i>Family</i>		\$64,697
<i>Friends</i>		\$70,752
<i>Organizations</i>		\$6,000
<i>Parishes</i>		\$2,400
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Total Giving - Annual Appeal		\$386,206

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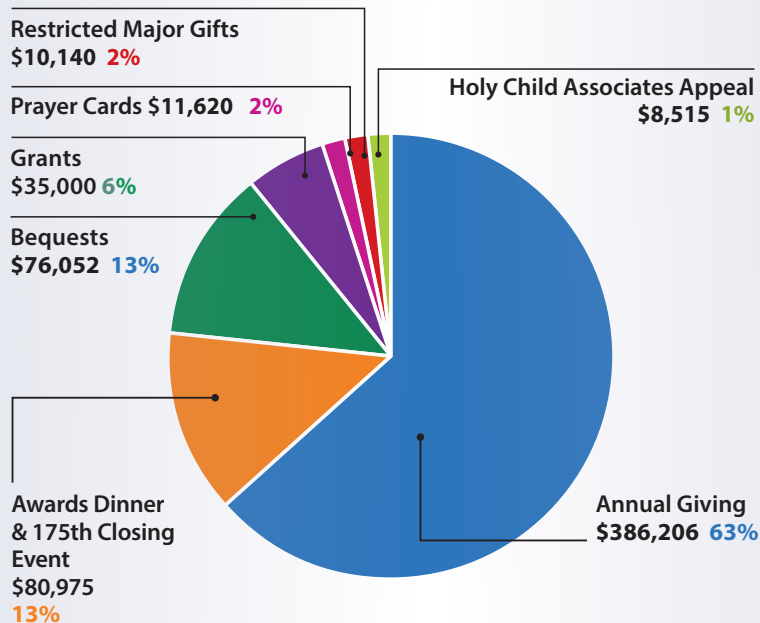
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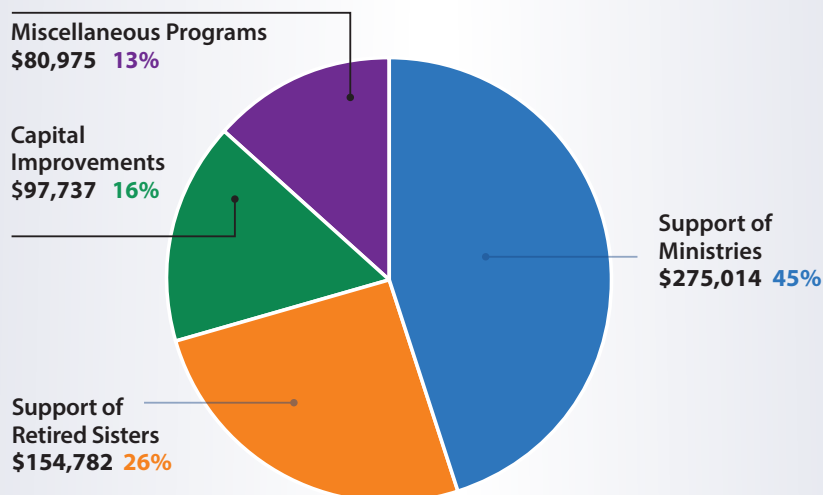
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Do not be anxious: I am your God;
Do not fear: I am with you.

I will strengthen you,
I will help you.

- Isaiah 41:10

The Lord bless you and
keep you.

The Lord make his face to
shine upon you, and be
gracious to you.

- Numbers 6:24-25



Virginia Skrdlant, SHCJ

(Mother Mary Lydia)

JUNE 17, 1930 – JANUARY 8, 2023



Sister Virginia (Ginny) was blessed with many gifts and interests. She was a lifelong learner and teacher, pastoral care worker, published poet, birdwatcher, and cat lover.

Sister Ginny's teaching ministry spanned nearly 30 years, beginning at Saint Elizabeth School in New York City (1951-53), Saint Anastasia School in Waukegan, Ill. (1953-55 and 1960-71), Saint Veronica School in Chicago, Ill. (1955-60), Saint Mary School in Melrose, Mass. (1971-76), Holy Ghost Church in Whitman, Mass. (1976-79), Notre Dame de Lourdes in Lowell, Mass. (1980-84), Saint Jerome School in North Weymouth, Mass. (1984-86), and Saint Edward School in Brockton, Mass. (1986-87).

Beginning in the late 1980s, Sister Ginny shifted her focus from teaching to serving mentally and physically challenged adults in Avon, Massachusetts.

In 1989, Sister Ginny moved to Rosemont, Pennsylvania, where she taught emotionally disturbed children and then worked in pastoral care at Norristown State Hospital for 11 years.

In the early 2000s, Sister Ginny received training in prison ministry and even learned "clowning" to help with disabled senior adults supported by Pennsylvania's Department of Human Services.

Wherever Sister Ginny served, she brought her keen mind and gentle spirit. Her deep faith and caring disposition enriched the lives of many during her 71 years of service as a Sister of the Holy Child Jesus.

Joanne Sullivan, SHCJ

(Sister Constance Mary)

AUGUST 5, 1934 – MARCH 16, 2023

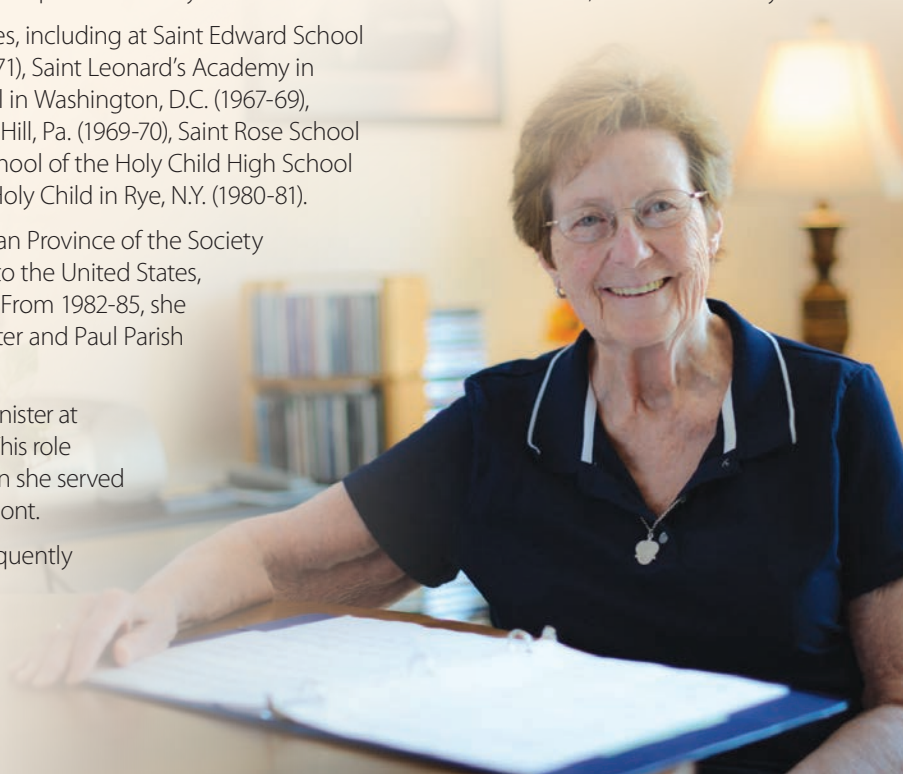
Sister Joanne came from a tight-knit, close family. She was "open and direct, unafraid to ask a question, amiable, and a prayerful person... she sought ways to always manifest the spirit of the Holy Child Jesus and that of our Foundress, Cornelia Connelly."

Sister Joanne taught for more than two decades, including at Saint Edward School in Philadelphia, Pa. (1955-57, 1959-67, and 1970-71), Saint Leonard's Academy in Philadelphia, Pa. (1957-59), Annunciation School in Washington, D.C. (1967-69), Archbishop Prendergast High School in Drexel Hill, Pa. (1969-70), Saint Rose School in Portland, Ore. (1971-75), Cornelia Connelly School of the Holy Child High School in Anaheim, Calif. (1975-78), and School of the Holy Child in Rye, N.Y. (1980-81).

From 1978-80, Sister Joanne served in the African Province of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. Shortly after returning to the United States, she moved to St. Louis, Mo., to study theology. From 1982-85, she was director of religious education at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Alta Loma, California.

From 1985-96, Sister Joanne was the campus minister at Rosemont College in Rosemont, Pennsylvania. This role helped to prepare her for the next 10 years when she served as director of the SHCJ Spiritual Center in Rosemont.

A gifted musician, Sister Joanne performed frequently as organist for the Society. While living at Holy Child Center in Rosemont, she also served as a sacristan, liturgist, and spiritual minister. Up until her death, Sister Joanne's passion to serve and unwavering dedication never diminished.



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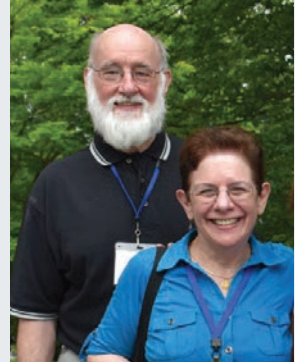
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Judy Talvacchia
St. Leonard's Academy, Philadelphia, PA



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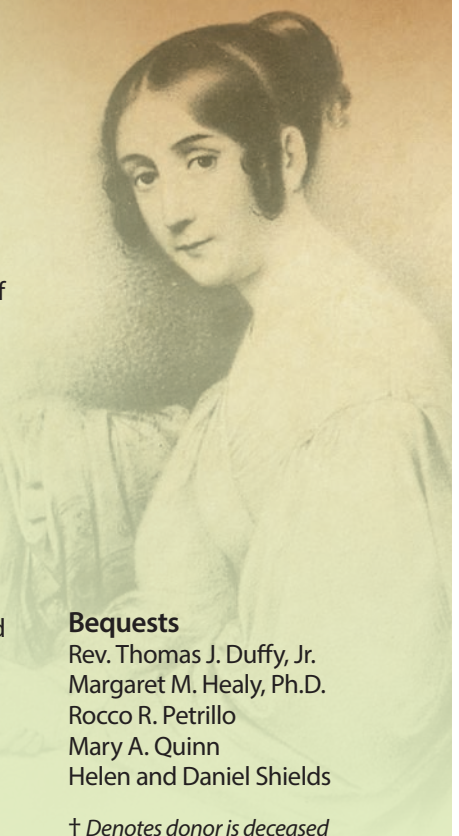
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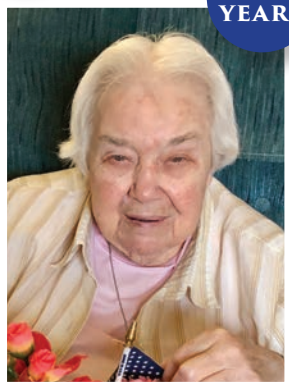
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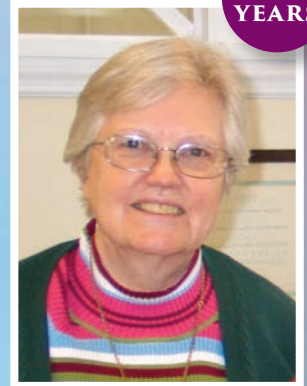
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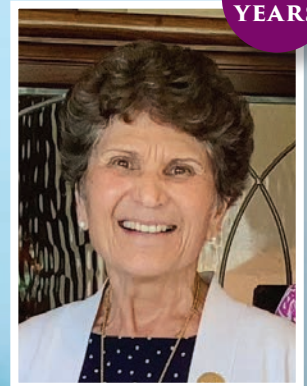
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