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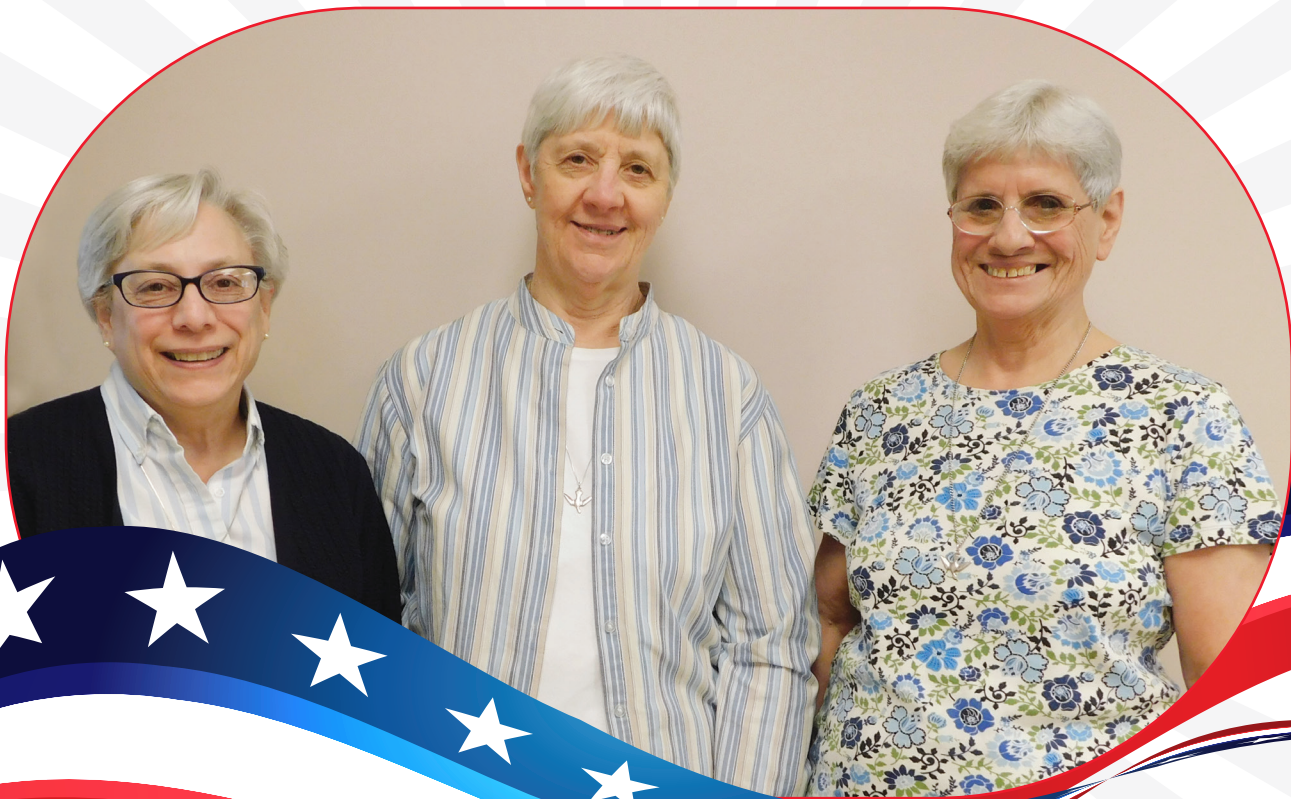
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Our New USA Provincial Team

Janet Lewis, DHS (Left) • Gertrude Lanouette, DHS (Center) • Jeannine Légère, DHS (Right)



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We Remember and Give Thanks



BLANCHE THIBAUT (ALBERT DE STE. ANNE), DHS

Sr. Blanche Thibault, DHS, 94, entered new life unexpectedly on Thursday March 26, 2020 at Saint Joseph Living Center in Windham, CT.

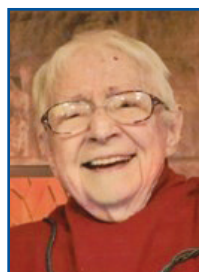
Born on June 17, 1925 in Fall River, MA, she was the daughter of Albert and Eva (Vigeant) Thibault. Sr. Blanche entered religious life in 1948 and made her religious profession on August 16, 1949 at

the then Provincial House in Putnam, CT.

Most of her years in ministry were in nurseries and day care centers in Fall River, Newport and Putnam. She loved the little children and found the full meaning of the word service in working with them and teaching them to enjoy learning, even at the earliest levels.

In 1989, she moved to the Provincial House in Putnam, CT and was active in housekeeping and in lending a helping hand wherever she was needed on site. In 1993 Blanche retired from active duty and still enjoyed being involved in activities. She soon became known as the person to go to in the Provincial House community for assistance with computers, printers and the Wii game station. In 2017, Sister was missioned to St. Joseph Community in Windham, CT. It was from here that her Lord called her to reap her eternal reward.

Blanche was indeed a kind and fun-loving individual. We all miss her smile and her presence at social events. Rest in peace, Sister, and enjoy the clear sounds of angels singing and welcoming you home.



JULIE MARIE COTÉ BEALS, DHS ASSOCIATE

On January 30th Julie Marie Coté Beals, Associate member of the Congregation of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, entered life eternal in Pittsfield, MA where she was born in 1923 the 4th child in a family of 9.

Julie had a great sense of humor and enjoyed working, playing and praying with others. She studied in Catholic Schools and graduated from the former St. Joseph High School in 1941. She pursued her education in the business field and utilized her talents in that area in various companies until her retirement in 2001.

Julie loved her Church and participated in parish associations such as the Ladies of St. Anne, as lector and extraordinary minister as well as a member of the Regular and Resurrection Choirs.

Julie was a musician at heart and even joined forces with two of her sisters and a best friend to form a barbershop quartet- the Pinker Tones. With her only son Robert as arranger-director, they went on to win the International Barbershop Quartet Competition in 1969. Julie was forever humming or whistling a tune and was always ready to intone any requested melody. Her music seemed to make her ageless to herself and to others.

Associate Beals loved her family and particularly appreciated sharing her hobbies of singing, gardening, photography, poetry and genealogy. She was a super conversationalist and brought life and excitement to any gathering, large or small. Her covenant as a DHS Associate in 1998 summed up her goals in life: to be happy and to extend that happiness and joy to as many others as possible in the name of her Lord to whom she was so grateful for all blessings.

May the choirs of Angels, BB Quartets included, welcome you Home, Julie.



ALTA MARIE JONES, DHS ASSOCIATE

After gracing our world and families with her presence for 101 years, ALTA MARIE JONES, Associate member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, followed the Spirit's lead into life eternal on Monday, February 10th in

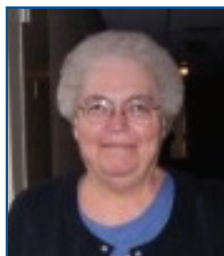
Madera, California where she had resided for some 90 years.

Alta was born to Jacob and Barbara May in Campbell, Nebraska on July 13, 1919. The family moved to and settled in Madera County when Alta was a young adolescent. She was espoused for 52 years to Lloyd Jones and is survived by son Richard.

Alta was extremely active her entire life and worked for such groups as Dairyland Elementary, dedicated herself to parish activities in Chowchilla and was particularly proud of her service as a member of the Altar Society.

Ms. Jones came to know the Daughters of the Holy Spirit early on and, impressed by their attitude of service to others and by their charisma of giving, she made her Covenant as an Associate member in 1999 and participated actively with our Associate Group on the west coast. She also remained a faithful donor to the DHS Annual fund initiatives. Her many and varied interests often made Alta the center of conversations and discussions at Associate assemblies and gatherings over the years.

Alta, your attractive and contagious smile will truly be missed, but we know that we now have another advocate at the Lord's side to assist us as we continue to forge our path into our DHS future.



MARIE MCDONAGH, DHS ASSOCIATE

Marie McDonagh, resident of Merced, CA and a DHS Associate since 2003, entered life eternal on April 5th,

2020 after a brief illness.

Marie, noted for her great sense of humanity and humor, personified the gentle and compassionate Christ in her professional and personal life.

Marie, proud mother, grandmother and great grandmother, lived to bring happiness and joy to others. She gave herself fully to whatever task she undertook and saw it through to completion. She loved working with others to achieve the same goals and was a superb motivator.

Marie held a variety of positions among which we can count her volunteer hours in the local church office, service to her civic community as a board member of the County Retirees Association and MERCOCredit Union. As an Associate, Marie was always looking for new recruits and was an enthusiastic member of the initial and ongoing formation teams in Merced. Marie also served as Treasurer of the California Associates.

Marie had a captivating personality and knew how to bring out the best in her family, friends and fellow Associates. Her smile was inviting and her kindness radiated to all.

Marie, may you rest in peace and joy in the Lord you served so well during your productive lifetime as you shared your gifts with all who touched your life.



RACHEL J. MARTEL, DHS ASSOCIATE

Rachel J. Martel (Brouillette) was born in Berkshire VT on September 18, 1922 and was a life-long resident of this area.

Rachel attended local schools and graduated

valedictorian of her class from Richford High School in 1942 and immediately put her talents to the service of her country by her work for a munitions corporation in Connecticut during World War II.

Rachel had a gentle disposition and knew how to bring love and joy to those she met. She and husband Roger raised their family in the area and were always involved in many local activities and groups. Rachel was high energy and totally given to the causes she took on. Rachel was particularly proud of her involvement with the Ladies of Ste. Anne, her pastoral care volunteer ministry at Northeast Medical Center and her Covenant as an Associate member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit whose charisma of service to others she lived in an exemplary manner in every aspect of her life.

Rachel entered her new life on June 7, 2020 and will be remembered and honored forever by all who knew her. Rest in peace and love, Rachel, as you continue to bless us all.



Notes from Our Donors

It is always uplifting for the Sisters to receive and read messages of affirmation from YOU. We are pleased to share the following excerpts with our readership. Keep the notes coming; they indeed reinforce the strong ties that bind us.

“May God continue to bless you in your calling and vocation. Please keep my family in your prayers.”
- Donna from Naugatuck

“Thank you for all you do and for all you have given me that has provided me with strength and hope for a good world.”
- Kathleen from Preston

“Hoping you are all well and safe. Thank you for your presence.”
- Bob from New London

“Sisters, I wish you a Happy Easter and the gift of good health. Much love & prayers.”
- Colette from W. Hartford

“Thank you for all that you do.”
- Charlie & Bea from Foxboro

DONORS SPECIAL MENTION

Due to a technological glitch, the following donors' names were omitted from our Winter Newsletter. Our sincere apologies and gratitude to each one.

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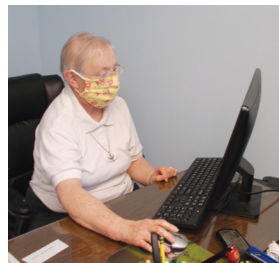
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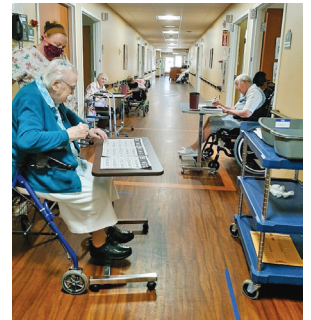
A SIGN OF THE TIMES

While the Sisters have had to curtail a number of activities that had been planned for the spring and summer of 2020, we have done our utmost to adapt to the demands of COVID-19 while trying to conduct life not as usual and not allow everything to come to a standstill.



The “new normal” at our Administrative Center has meant social distancing and mask wearing as appropriate. Who is that masked Sister?

At the social level the virus cut to the core when it forced avid BINGO fans at SJLC to not cross the threshold of their rooms and to listen to numbers called over a sound system and to hope that their voices would be heard when they cried out the magical word BINGO. Survival of the fittest indeed! Could that be Sr. Clémence in her doorway?



On the professional level ZOOM meetings were everywhere, even for the celebration of EARTH DAY 2020. Sr. Michèle participated with the Windham Interfaith

Working Group to share the 50 year history of this day and to remind the world that Mother Earth is a precious gift from God that we are meant to enjoy and to protect so we can pass her on to future generations as a gift from the Creator.



Some activities have to be cancelled and rescheduled for 2021. These include the ANNHURST COLLEGE ALUMNI REUNION (rescheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2021) and the PUTNAM CATHOLIC ACADEMY ALUMNI REUNION (rescheduled for Sunday, September 26, 2021)

Another Covid-19 Postponement

The following Sisters and Associates were scheduled to celebrate Jubilees and Anniversaries of years of commitment to the Congregation on June 7th. However, the event has been rescheduled for 2021. We invite **YOU** to keep these honorees in prayer as we remember their 655 years of loving service. Thank you and **CONGRATULATIONS** to each one of our Jubilarians.



Eileen Smith, DHS



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Blanche Cadotte, DHS



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PENTECOST MONDAY PICNIC

COVID-19 and its social distancing regs interfered big time with Province plans for a gathering on Pentecost Sunday, the Feast Day of the Congregation. Nevertheless, following the European model of work free Pentecost Monday, Sr. Gertrude and Team planned a back yard lot picnic for local Sisters and employees at our Administrative Center.

Sr. Lesley donned her chef's apron and fired up the grill while Sr. Gertrude assured that all picnic fare was cooked and lined up to be carried out in procession to awaiting tables. Mother Nature cooperated nicely and provided warm sun along with a cooling breeze for this community celebration. It was truly nice to spend time together, at a certain distance, of course, and it reignited the hope that at some point in the not too distant future more Sisters would be able to join us in the celebration of life, of longtime bonds and of the generosity of the Spirit.



CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK RECOGNITION

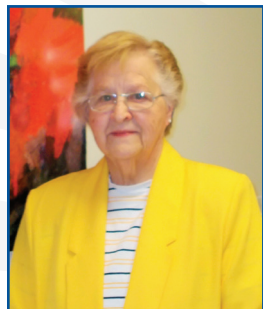


It is quite fitting and proper that at the time the entire world was invited to celebrate Catholic Sisters Week (March 8-14) the DHS community take some time to recognize their Sisters and to thank them for their many years of service.

The DHS International website ran articles detailing the life and service accomplishments of Sisters Patricia Rickis and Jeannine Légère while the East Coast sector offered a simple brunch for all the Sisters who could attend. On the West Coast the Delta Lions Club of Clarksburg, CA chose to name their "Woman of the Year" and gave this distinguished honor to our own Sr. Michael Henry Moulin, a Moosup, CT native missioned in CA for nearly 50 years.

We thank these Sisters for their willingness to share their stories of living the DHS charism in very different settings. Their public attestation speaks of the calling to which each Daughter of the Holy Spirit responds and attempts to live throughout her active apostolate. Truly the Spirit, with her many gifts, is alive and thriving as the Daughters continue to bring "Life to the full" to those with whom they come into contact.

If you know these Sisters personally and would like to contact them, you may email our Development Office at devofdhs@yahoo.com.



From our Director's Desk

Dear Friends,

As I sort through materials in the preparation of this summer edition of our REALITY newsletter, the words of Bob Dylan come to mind "...For the times, they are a changin'."

We have all had to adapt to the new lifestyles and schedules imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and have surprised ourselves to learn the extent to which we have done that and are flexible. Unfortunately the monster virus has taken its toll as well in many ways, and we join in prayer as we continue to support one another through this crisis that we may all be better human beings for having experienced such trauma.

In the midst of all this change, one constant for us has been the concern and care that our donors and supporters have shown for our Sisters. Your many letters, cards and generous donations and gifts have been encouraging for us and undoubtedly proves that love does surpass fear, anxiety and negative external forces.

It is always so good to hear from you, to receive your latest news and prayerful support along with your contributions to our 2020 financial initiative (\$21,500 to date). Our campaign extends through December 31st, and we are confident that, as the threat and effect of the pandemic lessen and regular routines are resumed, you will remember and be able to fulfill the commitment you made to YOUR Sisters who were such an important influence in your lives, and we will reach our goal of \$80,000.

Thank you so much for being there for us, and may the Spirit of Hope and New Life be upon you and those you love.

Gratefully in that same Spirit,
 Françoise G. Gauthier, PhD
 Director Development/Advancement
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