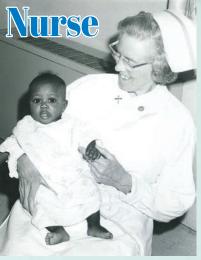
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### **ALUMNI GATHERINGS**

In spite of ongoing COVID concerns, the Alumni Associations of ANNHURST COLLEGE and PUTNAM CATHOLIC ACADEMY held their annual reunions in September. The Annhurst group met on the former college campus itself, now the home to Woodstock Academy, while the PCA alum gathered at Hank's Restaurant in Brooklyn, CT.

Victoria Latorre

Diane Lavallee

The highlights of both reunions included warm hugs and long catching up conversations, raffles, good food and door prizes.

Both alumni gatherings were open to students of all years and saluted the senior members in attendance. Special recognition was offered to EDNA FUSCO CASOLINI from the Annhurst class of 1947.

Thanks to the generosity of both groups the Sisters benefitted once again from these activities and from the alumni's ongoing willingness to assist their former teachers and professors in their retirement years.









### AT THE SERVICE OF THE DHS

During the course of the Congregation's General Chapter last August Sister Jeannine Légère was elected and accepted to serve a 6 year mandate as a member of the General Council, the leadership team of the Congregation.

The position entails moving to France and having an office at the DHS headquarters in Rennes.

It was fitting then that a missioning ceremony be held as part of the closing liturgy at the October Province Day gathering in Putnam.

There were prayers, songs, scripture readings and the laying on of hands in special blessing. The celebration carried over to October 18th when a breakfast in honor of Jeannine was held at the Center giving non DHS personnel the opportunity to offer their congratulations and au revoir's as well.

Jeannine, who has been in the congregation since 1963, was deeply touched by the sentiments and the support of all in attendance. She left for her post on October 31st and assures us via regular





### A DECEMBER 8TH TRADITIONAL GATHERING

As if Mother Nature knew it was a special day, she provided plenty of sunshine and moderate temperatures that favored an outing to Putnam for the Daughters of the Holy Spirit within reasonable driving distance of our administrative offices.

While respecting the Covid protocols there were still tons of hugs to be shared, smiles to be flashed and warm greetings as each Sister or community member entered the assembly room. It was obvious from the get go that this would be a very good day for those attending in person and for those Sisters participating via live stream.

A meaningful liturgy including the renewal of vows by the DHS was celebrated by Rev. Ed Dempsey. Singing and music accented the festive spirit of this 315th celebration of the Foundation Day of the Congregation.

Renée's Catering (funded in part by the East Coast Associates) provided a scrumptious roast pork dinner while various Sisters shared their baking skills and presented a pie pourri for dessert.

The buzzing conversation, the heart warming laughs and the overall atmosphere of shared love and joy made the event super special and most definitely a moment to remember.





#### OUR ARCHIVIST RETIRES

"I think it is time" said Margaret Anderson as she finalized her decision to step away from the position of Province Archivist.

Margaret, the first laywoman to ever hold this post in our Province, came to us several years ago after having served as archivist and record keeper for various organizations and groups including Worcester Polytechnical Institute. She eased into this role after temporarily assisting Sister Irene Fortier. At the hands of her mentor Anderson quickly learned the ins and outs of the archives of a religious congregation and mastered the finer points reflecting the pro that she was.

To mark the special occasion, our Provincial Sr. Gertrude Lanouette, also fond of culinary arts, prepared a delightful

luncheon of quiche and all the trimmings. A total of 16 people gathered at the dining room of the Administrative Office Center to toast and thank Margaret.

Also retiring at this time was Sr. Lorraine Duval who had worked diligently as Anderson's assistant. Her services were also honored and she was thanked by all in attendance

Margaret and Lorraine have been succeeded by 3 Sisters who have been volunteering their help over the years and who will easily be able to glide into their part time roles. Welcome and thanks to Sisters Norma Bourdon, Paulette Gariepy and Madeleine Gregoire for their ongoing service to the Province.



## Congratulations and Gratitude to Our Jubilarians



75 YEARS
Sr. Eileen Smith



**70 YEARS** Sr. Anita Paul



65 YEARS
Sr. Anne Marie Berthiaume
Sr. Blanche Cadotte
Sr. Thérèse Vanasse



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**50 YEARS**Sr. Bonnie Morrow
Sr. Yvette Rainville

The following DHS Associates celebrated

25 years

of service but were not in attendance

Joie Bourassa Margaret Burke Mary Dimeglio Alicia Domínguez Mary Molina Annette Thoubboron



Row 1 l to r: Paulette Gariepy, Linda Babineau, Bonnie Morrow, Rachelle Doyon, Elaine Bolduc Row 2 l to r: Yvette Rainville, Theresa Spittle, Thérèse Vanasse, Blanche Cadotte, Claire Herux, Lesley Despathy, Anne Caciauoti

We Rejoice With You and Wish You the Best Always!

## ♥ We Remember and Give Thanks ♥



#### ANA (ANITA) TIMPAY ROMERO, DHS CONSECRATED SECULAR

Ana Timpay Romero was born in Antofagasta, Chile on July 26, 1947.

She was a teacher by nature and dedicated herself to the formation of children and adults who suffered from material poverty and who did not have the means of participating in traditional school settings. She often invited these individuals into her home for classes.

Anita had clear priorities in her life. God and others always came before her own needs. She cared for her own children and provided the best for them regularly. She helped in the local area wherever her talents and gifts might come in handy. Ana used her gifts of painting and creativity to come up with fund-raising projects for the DHS Mission in Antofagasta dedicated to helping children in vulnerable situations. In spite of her pain and suffering imposed by Lupus, she pushed herself to the limit to carry out those tasks that would benefit others.

As an Associate member Ana grew to love the DHS and to strive to live the charism. When she learned about the Secular Branch, she did not hesitate to join believing that this commitment would help her to love and evangelize others in a more committed fashion.

Anita Romero was a teacher in every aspect of life as well as a doer who led by personal example. She was strong, sometimes opinionated but always ready to ask forgiveness and to carry on for the good of those around her. She was honest to a fault and remarkably direct and always motivated by her strong christian principles and values.

Anita entered life eternal on October 10th, 2021 and leaves a precious legacy of love and concern for God's little ones.

Anita, gracias por todo. Te extrañamos y te pedimos ayudarnos siempre.



#### FRANCES MARY MONICK, DHS ASSOCIATE

Frances Mary Monick, Associate member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit since 1990, quietly passed into eternal life on August 16, 2021 at the age of 93.

Fran was a native of Greenwich, CT and grew up, attended local schools and married her beloved husband Dominick, in 1949 in her home town. They had 6 children.

Frances worked in the health field and served at various sites including Greenwich Hospital and Stamford Hospital. She also volunteered her talents at Stamford Rehab Center where she essentially worked with ailing children.

Fran eventually moved to Woodstock, CT and was employed at Day Kimball Hospital and was very active in her parish of Most Holy Trinity where she taught Religion classes to high school students. Her closeness to the headquarters of the DHS in Putnam made it easier for her to become more actively involved with the Associate program which she enjoyed immensely.

In 2000 Monick retired to Cape Cod and continued her involvement in her local parish there and she also became involved in hospice and in helping out with the St. Vincent De Paul Society. She assisted with these programs until her own health began to fail.

Fran had a great sense of others and a complementary sense of humor that made relating to her at all levels comfortable. She never hesitated to use her time and gifts for others however she could. Her actions proved that she wanted the best for anyone who touched her life. She was particularly concerned about helping children and the helpless. Frances served well and generously and is remembered fondly and warmly.

Thank you, Fran, for your gift of self in love and in service.



#### JOAN CATHERINE KOSKO. DHS ASSOCIATE

Joan Catherine Ross Kosko, member of the DHS Associates since 1997, entered life eternal on October 5, 2021.

Joan was born on August 26, 1934 and lived her entire life in her home state of California. She married her best friend George in 1955, and they had 5 children.

Kosko was a high energy woman and was constantly involved in a wide variety of activities: accountant, small business owner, skilled office manager. She was also a talented artist in the full sense of the word. She drew, she knitted, she crocheted, she painted. Joan was actively involved in her parish church where she directed the choir and taught religion classes. She especially enjoyed visiting the home bound and bringing them communion. Joan found it most rewarding to reach out to the less fortunate and to find some way

of comforting them and easing their life situation, a quality that attracted her to the charism of outreach of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit.

After the death of her husband in 2019 Joan's health rapidly declined, and she unreluctantly entered new life two years later.

Joan, your smile and your lively presence will stay with us forever. Bless all of us from your new homel

## ♥ We Remember and Give Thanks ♥



#### MARY ELIZABETH MACDONALD, DHS ASSOCIATE

Mary Elizabeth MacDonald was born on October 4th, 1933 in Hartsdale, New York where she attended Good Counsel High School and later entered the Congregation of Divine Compassion in 1951.

Mary was missioned to the classroom and spent the following 28 years dedicating herself to students as teacher and administrator in schools that served families on the margins of society.

Over the years Mary had felt called to broaden her horizons, took leave of the Congregation and returned to teaching math at Rye Country Day School in 1969.

It was at that same time that Mary renewed her acquaintance with the Daughters of the Holy Spirit whom she had met while studying at Annhurst College several years earlier. She soon became interested in the newly formed Associate Program and in 1988

she and two other women made their Covenants as the first Associates in the Congregation.

For many years Mary had a home in Bristol, RI, and it soon became a meeting place, a gathering place for DHS Associates and Sisters. Throughout those years Mary also opened her home and heart to her local parish at the same time as she assumed many roles in her church to assist her pastor and fellow parishioners. However Mary's health declined and she moved to a local assisted living facility from which she transferred to a nursing home a couple years later.

While life was difficult for Mary at the nursing home, she continued to reach out via the telephone as long as she could to touch the lives of her family and friends. Mary believed in the everlasting love of God and spent her days trying to share that love.

Mary entered eternal life on the morning of October 1st, 2021 three days before her 87th birthday. May she rest in her God's gentle peace and everlasting Love.

We thank you, Mary, as you continue to bless and inspire us each day.



#### LENA GADOUAS, DHS ASSOCIATE

On the early morning of November 16th Lena Gadouas passed into eternal life quietly and serenely.

Lena was born on July 5, 1923 in Highgate, VT to Nelida and Adelard Roberts. She attended St Anne's Academy in Swanton and stayed close to the Daughters of the Holy Spirt through the years. She became a DHS Associate member in 2000 and remained active as long as her health would allow.

Lena also was an active member of her parish community and shared her joy of sewing, gardening and baking with so many others. She was characterized by her strong faith and joyful personality.

We will miss you, Lena. Please continue to bless us all as you intercede for us with your loving Lord.

### DHS ASSOCIATES KEEP BUSY

DHS Associates commit themselves to the program so that they may participate more fully with the Sisters in activities that bring the charism of service to and for others to life as they nourish their own spiritual life and grow in following the example of the Gospel Christ.

Among their activities these past few months the East Coast Associates participated in a day of reflection that focused on their spiritual growth and advancement. The program was presented by Nancy Small and included a special tribute to the victims of 9/11.

Fall and early winter activities found the Associates under the animation of Linda Lamoureux, collecting gifts and monetary donations from local parishes. The items were

distributed to TEEG to assist local families in need, to Daily Bread that helps to feed low income individuals and families and to the local Diaper Bank.

Just before Christmas a group of Associates made their way to St Joseph Living Center to spend an afternoon partying with the Daughters of the Holy Spirit who form community at the site. There were gifts and goodies for one and all, and the spirit of Christmas came to life as both residents and visitors shared conversation, songs and tasty treats. Smiles and cheer filled the room and warm memories were forever carved in everyone's heart.







### OUR DONORS SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS

We received well over 150 Christmas cards from many of you this year. Each card contained a few words of good wishes along with many expressions of thanks to the Sisters for their years of service in schools, parishes, as visiting nurses, missionaries and concerned women. Space restrictions allow us to share only a few comments at this time. Please know that the Sisters fully appreciate each and every word that you share. **You are GREAT! Keep the notes coming.** 

"I cannot thank the Sisters enough for the education they gave me along with faith and good morals. God has truly blessed us through it all and we remain friends in Christ forever."

Joan from North Carolina

"Sincere thanks, Sisters, for your many years of dedicated service to the Lord and to us. I will always remember my years at Annhurst College and how you help me become the French teacher I had always wanted to be for my students."

Lorrie from Falmouth, MA

"Along with this gift please accept our gratitude in honor of Sr. Rita St. Onge, my husband's theology professor at Annhurst College.

He was deeply affected by her teaching and by the care and concern she showed him. She was truly an outstanding educator who embodied all Christian blessings."

Denise from Danielson, CT

"Dear Sisters, we thank you for your thoughts and prayers to assist us through these difficult times. We wish you all the best and also pray for your good health and well-being."

Pete & Lynda from Plainfield, CT

"Sisters, it is so good to read the Newsletter and to remember each one of you. It is a God send to see that many of you are still involved in a variety of activities. God bless you all always."

Esther from Brooklyn, CT

"Please accept my small gift to help with your projects.
Thank you for taking care of us always. May the Lord bless each one with good health and happiness."

Sr. Fernande from Norwich, CT





#### From our Director's Desk

Dear Friends of our DHS Family,

There are many ways to say thanks, many words that lend themselves to expressing the sentiments of the heart. Yet, as I consider your kindness and goodness towards us in the gifts of service, of prayer and of a financial nature that you have offered us during the passed year, I cannot find an adequate expression of the gratitude that is in our hearts. So I suggest we take a moment in silence to gaze at one another and to see and feel the mutual respect and love that utters thoughts of profound appreciation for your encouragement, your support and your friendship. These mean so much to us and clearly announce to the world the genuine quality of your caliber as your words and actions image the goodness of our God. You indeed are special to us.

The Sisters continue to be impressed by your generous response to our requests as we work together to construct a solid future for our Family. Please be assured that your communications are always welcomed and carry our promise of ongoing prayerful support for you and yours.

There is no doubt that our God has chosen you to be the bearers of Divine Providence into our lives, and for that we are grateful and are touched to the core. Your thoughtfulness, your support and your monetary gifts (\$148,759) are a promise of hope and reassurance for the future. You did it again, and we are proud of you. May the Spirit of Love and genuine Caring continue to inspire all of us as we strive daily to work together to transform today's vision into REALITY.

Always in that same Spirit,

Françoise G. Gauthier, PhD

Director Development/Advancement

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 $\sim$  Together in the Spirit we transform today's vision into tomorrow's reality  $\sim$