

ANNUAL REPORT

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Notre Dame Sisters LeadershipTeam

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Mission

We accept from God the call to reach out to the people with unmet needs, to nurture in them a conviction of God's love that they may recognize their own gifts in and through their limitations and pain.



Having arrived on the American shores on May 10, 1910, the Sisters embarked on a journey that led them to Fenton, MO, and the management of the Hessoun Orphan Home.



For 114 years, the Sisters have remained steadfast in their mission, evolving to meet the ever-changing needs of those they serve.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

November 2024

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we close another fiscal year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the challenges and blessings that marked 2023 and the first half of 2024. There have been times of global upheaval, as well as incredible milestones, reminding us of the importance of faith, community, and resilience.

The world around us has faced tremendous challenges. The conflict in the Middle East, the war in Sudan, and the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, have caused unimaginable suffering. Global temperatures have shattered records, bringing to the forefront the urgent need for environmental stewardship. Amidst these trying times, however, we have also witnessed moments of unity and celebration. The brave and generous work of aid agencies and healthcare workers and the 2024 Summer Olympics, which reminded us of the power of the human spirit.

Closer to home, the Notre Dame Sisters have continued to live out our mission with dedication. This past February, we celebrated the opening of a 5,000-square-foot Life Enrichment Center at Notre Dame Housing, our largest ministry. This new facility, complete with a permanent food pantry, exercise room, and gathering spaces, underscores our ongoing commitment to the thriving of our senior community.

In the same spirit, we hosted the final Celebration of Spirit Dinner, a bittersweet yet wonderful event that raised over \$185,000. This success would not have been possible without the generous support of our partners. Additionally, the Notre Dame Sister's Czech Pork Dinner sponsored by St. Philip Neri and Mary Our Queen Knights of Columbus brought together over 500 attendees!

In September 2023, we had the joy of welcoming alumnae back to Notre Dame Academy for their annual reunion. These gatherings are more than just events; they are a celebration of the legacy of the Notre Dame Sisters, living on in our graduates. A legacy that has been in the making since our arrival in the United States in 1910.

As we reflect on these accomplishments, it is important to acknowledge the reality of our situation. Our community has 27 remaining members. While our physical presence will eventually come to an end, we are blessed in knowing that our legacy will live on in the people who have shared our spirit and continue to live it in their own lives. In our European provinces, the Notre Dame Sisters continue to be vibrant centers of faith, education, and service.

We aspire to live the verse of Psalm 92, "They will bear fruit even in their old age," and we remain committed to living out our apostolic mission with grace until the very last moment. Considering our current circumstances, we have determined that we have sufficient funds to care for our remaining members throughout their final days. This has been made possible through careful stewardship, our simple lifestyle, the generosity of our supporters, and the dedication of our skilled staff.

While we will no longer conduct intensive fundraising, we remain deeply committed to our ministries and are grateful for the continued support of our devoted partners. We look forward to ongoing collaborations as we continue to serve with love and dedication.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your continued support and prayers. Together, we have faced challenges, celebrated successes, and furthered the mission of the Notre Dame Sisters.

With heartfelt thanks,

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Sr. Rita Ostry, ND, President, Omaha Province

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The Sisters expanded their mission by opening Notre Dame Academy in 1926. The all-girls school began with 15 students, but by the end of the first academic year, that number had grown to 26. The Sisters provided a comprehensive experience in faith, civic responsibility, and intellectual development.



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On April 7, 2024, the Notre Dame Sisters and members of the community gathererd for the 30th and final Celebration of Spirit Dinner.

FAITH INTO ACTION

You put your Faith into Action this past year and it certainly shows. Your actions supported our 30th and final Celebration of Spirit Dinner, the Notre Dame Sisters Czech Pork Dinner, as well as our online community giving days.



CELEBRATION OF SPIRIT

The 30th and final Celebration of Spirit Dinner unfolded on April 7, 2024. Thanks to our supporter's generosity, we raised over \$185,000 which far exceeded our expectations.

Our "Raise the Paddle" goal was \$30,000 for Notre Dame Housing. With your help, we surpassed this target and raised \$44,000!

We are grateful for your support

as we honor the past and embrace the future.

CZECH PORK DINNER

The Notre Dame Sisters' Czech Pork Dinner, sponsored by St. Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament and Mary Our Queen Knights of Columbus, was held on April 28, 2024. Over 500 people enjoyed a traditional czech pork dinner complete with kolaches and live Czech music. We are grateful to all the patrons who came out to support this wonderful event!





GIVING DAYS

Participating in events like the Giving Tuesday and the first Nebraksa Catholic Day of Giving, where the community is encouraged to support their favorite nonprofits, we collectively raised approximately \$13,000. These contributions highlight the generosity and commitment of our community, underscoring the impact that can be achieved when faith is translated into meaningful action.



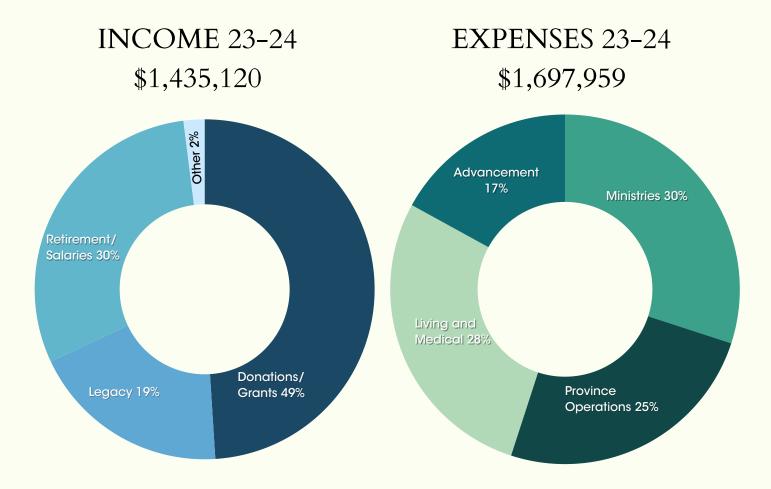


We were blessed to reach over \$1.4 million in revenue between July 1, 2023, and June 20, 2024.

2023-2024 FINANCIALS

This financial success is attributed to a variety of sources, including salaries from our employed Sisters, Social Security, retirement benefits for those who have retired, generous donations and charitable contributions from individuals who support the mission of the Notre Dame Sisters and legacy gifts from those that have named the Sisters in their estate planning.

The largest share of our expenses is directed towards healthcare, living expenses, and the operational needs of the province. As anticipated, the costs associated with healthcare and living expenses continue to increase due to the aging population of the Sisters, but they are still able to donate one-third of their income to their ministries.





In 1966, the Notre Dame Sisters' European Leadership were finally permitted to visit the United States and resume international meetings after WWII.



Pictured: Sr. Barbara Ficenec, Sr. Loyola Samek, Mother Vlasta Ptak

Year In Review

JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

DIRECTIONAL STATEMENT

THROUGH OUR PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY in 2022, WE NOTRE DAME SISTERS create a directional statement that guides our ministry and prayer over the next four years. Grounded in the Gospel message of Jesus and grateful for God's abundant empowering grace, we, the Notre Dame Sisters humbly and joyfully commit our lives and resources to:



- Deepen a contemplative spirituality that shapes our values and decisions
- Promote solidarity and justice for all, especially the marginalized and neglected
- Fulfill our history as a province with active and bold openness to God's call in our lives

We do this by:

- Practicing prayerful discernment individually and as a province
- Fostering participative partnerships with others to transform systems of injustice
- Developing ways to sustain and celebrate our vision, mission, and legacy



As of July 2024, the community has twenty-seven remaining Sisters.



Leadership Team from left to right: Sr. Mary Ann Zimmer, ND, Sr. Rita Ostry, ND, and Sr. Mary Kay Meagher, ND.

Key Highlights

July 2023

On July 11th, Sr. Kathleen Cramer and Sr. Mary Jo Hrnchir celebrated their 60th Jubilees, and Sr. Joy Connealy and Sr. Joyce Rezac celebrated their 50th Jubiliees!



August 2023

On August 5th, Sr. Mary Jo Hrnchir, ND passed away. May her soul find eternal rest, and her memory forever be a blessing to those whose lives she touched.

September 2023

On September 16, Notre Dame Academy welcomed home its alumnae. The class of 1973 celebrated their 50th anniversary. This milestone represents the spirit and values of Notre Dame Academy. These women continue to embody faith, involvement in the community, and commitment to using their gifts for God.



October 2023

The Notre Dame Sisters sent the Director of Communications and Marketing to the Communicators for Religious Women Conference in St. Louis where communicators and leaders from various religious communities explored the theme "Flowing into Our Future."



November 2023

The Memorial Mass was held on November 2nd. The Notre Dame Sisters remembered friends, family members, and alumnae who have been entered into our Memorial Association this past year.

December 2023

We received an incredible number of prayer requests from our Christmas letter. We also raised \$208,000 thanks to your generous donations! We are blessed to have such amazing partners and donors who support our mission with such dedication. Your commitment makes a difference, and we are deeply grateful.

Celebrating Christmas



January 2024

On January 9th, the Sisters celebrated the Feast Day of Blessed Alix LeClerc, a co-founder of the Notre Dame Sisters' congregation. Sr. Joy Connealy, ND, wrote a wonderful blog titled, "A Prophet for Our Time." To read it, visit: https://notredamesisters.org/news/the-feast-day-of-alix-leclerg-a-prophet-for-our-time/



February 2024



In February, the Sisters celebrated Black History Month. Sr. Mary Ann Zimmer, ND, wrote a blog and said, "Black history month does a service for all of us, if we want to face and process our truth." Read more: https://notredamesisters.org/news/blackhistory-month/

March 2024

In March, we celebrated Catholic Sisters Week. We presented a series called "Did You Know That..." in which we highlighted the remarkable stories and accomplishments of some of our very own Notre Dame Sisters including Sr. Theresa Maly, Sr. Joan Polak, Sr. Mary Kay Meagher, and Sr. Mary Ann Zimmer.



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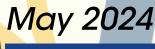
April 2024

Sr. Joan Polak passed away on April 19th at the age of 94. May her soul find eternal peace. We continue to treasure the poetry and prayers she left behind.

On April 7, We celebrated the 30th and final Celebration of Spirit Dinner - a joyful gathering of friends from all aspects of the Sisters' lives.

Over 500 guests attended the Notre Dame Sisters Pork Dinner, sponsored by St. Philip Neri and Mary Our Queen Knights of Columbus.





On May 1st, the Sisters participated in the first annual Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving! Thanks to your generosity, we raised approximately \$1,200!

The Sisters continue to support education through the Children's Scholarship Fund, Christ Child Society in support of single mothers seeking college education, and Roncalli Catholic High School totaling \$27,000.

June 2024

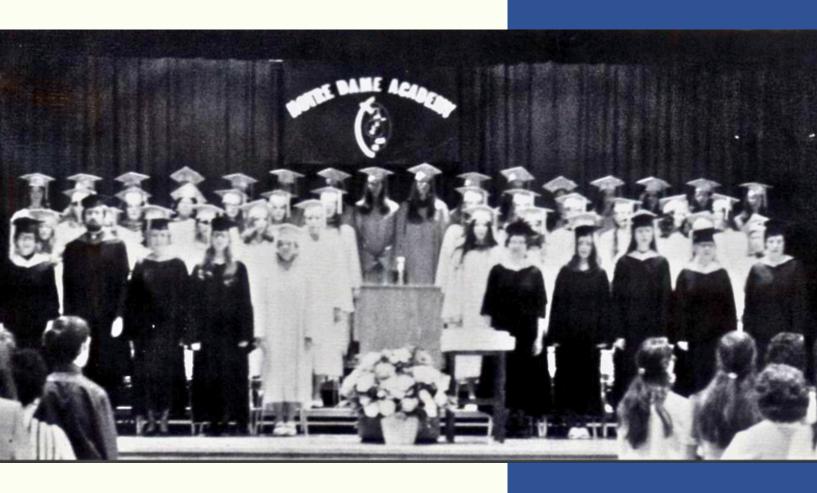
In June, the Sisters raised awareness for National Gun Violence Awareness Day. The Sisters shed light on the impact of gun violence and advocated for safer communities because gun violence hurts families.



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The commencement on May 24, 1974, ended a forty-eight year history of education at Notre Dame Academy. The forty seniors who received diplomas that evening brought the total number of graduates to 1,751.



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Notre Dame Housing (NDH), former Notre Dame Academy and Motherhouse, provides affordable housing for over 125 seniors.

The Notre Dame Sisters' largest, current ministry is Notre Dame Housing (NDH). Our mission at Notre Dame Housing is to provide safe, affordable housing for seniors while reducing isolation and food insecurity. The Sisters recognize that seniors deserve more than just a roof over their heads. Through the educational and cultural opportunities provided, residents develop a vibrant community of dignity, support, and enrichment.

From the beginning the Sisters have worked and collaborated to make NDH a unique independent living community. The housing staf includes a service coordinator who guides residents to the resources they need to stay independent and age in place as long as possible. NDH also provides a Life Enrichment Coordinator, dedicated to developing and offering programs that enrich the social, intellectual, and spiritual wellbeing of our residents and local community members. In addition, a partnership with The Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENOA) provides a daily noon meal.

Most recently, on February 24, NDH celebrated the opening of a 5,000 square foot Life Enrichment Center (LEC). This center, featuring a food pantry open to residents and the community, an exercise room, and various gathering spaces, represents the Sisters' commitment to creating a community where seniors can truly thrive.





Since the opening of the LEC, we have increased our food distribution by approximately 63%, and the number of people served by 16%.

At the 30th and final Celebration of Spirit dinner in April, we set out to raise \$30,000 for Notre Dame Housing—and thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our community, we exceeded that goal, raising approximately \$40,000! This incredible accomplishment speaks volumes about the dedication and generosity of our community.

Even as the Sisters themselves age, they are meeting the future with hope. Notre Dame Housing will continue in their mission to seniors, decreasing isolation by nurturing a strong sense of community. The Sisters will continue to tackle food insecurity by providing access to a senior meal program, nutrition education, and free pantry resources. And they will support the resources that will continue educating and empowering our fellow seniors, with tools and necessary aid to lead dignified and fulfilling lives.



Safe Homes remains a steadfast ministry for the Notre Dame Sisters. In the previous year alone, we aided 151 women and 259 children in breaking free from the vicious cycle of domestic violence. The ministry is dedicated to addressing the urgent needs of those undergoing such hardships, helping them persevere in the process of rebuilding their lives.

In 1998, Safe Homes was born as a social justice ministry of the Notre Dame Sisters and Associates. The Safe Homes Project serves women and children escaping domestic violence. Local agencies identify domestic violence survivors who are ready to leave the shelter and continue healing. Our Safe Homes provides for rent, utilities, and other essentials in a safe and secure home to help remove barriers to independence. In 2016, we added the Keeping On program to continue supporting women during their first months of independence.

In the 2023-2024 fiscal year, Safe Homes allocated \$87,225, and Keeping On distributed \$9,431 to help provide a path forward for survivors of domestic violence in their effort to gain and maintain independence.

Safe Homes and Keeping On do more than just provide financial assistance—they offer hope and a renewed sense of security. For many survivors, the transition from a shelter to independent living can be daunting. Safe Homes ensures that these individuals have the stability they need to rebuild their lives.



The color purple represents survivors of Domestic Violence. The color is meant to be a symbol of peace, courage, survival, honor, and dedication to ending violence."

Keeping On extends this support for one year, recognizing that the first month of independence is just the beginning of a long journey.

The Notre Dame Sisters remain deeply committed to the mission of Safe Homes and Keeping On. The financial allocations made in the 2023-2024 fiscal year reflect our dedication to empowering survivors to break the cycle of abuse. Every dollar spent represents an investment in the safety, dignity, and future of parents and children escaping domestic violence.



MINISTRIES

The Notre Dame Sisters are actively engaged in a range of community ministries. Here are some areas of focus:



Pictured: The board for Omaha Welcomes the Stranger includes (from left): Mercy Sr. Maryanne Stevens, Servants of Mary Sr. Val Lewandoski, Notre Dame Sr. Mary Kay Meagher, and Mercy Sr. Kathleen Erickson. (Courtesy of OWS)

SERVING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Omaha Welcomes the Stranger is a compassionate initiative that brings together people of faith and goodwill to extend a warm welcome to immigrants and refugees in our community. Rooted in the belief that everyone deserves to feel at home, this organization is dedicated to offering practical support, education, and friendship to those who are navigating the challenges of resettlement. The Notre Dame Sisters, alongside other Sisters from various congregations, are proud to be active participants in this vital mission. Read more about this endeavor:

https://www.omahawelcomesthestranger.org/migrant-refugeestories/sisters-help-migrants-build-new-lives-through-omaha-basedsupport-network



COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH

Sr. Josita Hanus serves as the Coordinator of the Memorial and Prayer Association for the Notre Dame Sisters. In this role, she provides invaluable support to the communications and outreach staff. Sr. Josita writes hand-written notes to each individual enrolled in the Memorial and Prayer Association, ensuring a personal touch in every interaction. Additionally, she carefully reviews various newspapers to identify those who have passed away, particularly focusing on connections to the Notre Dame Sisters. She then sends thoughtful cards to the deceased and their family members, offering comfort and solidarity during difficult times.



EDUCATION

Sr. Joyce Ann Rezak continues to teach English language learners, and provides personalized tutoring for a homeschool student entering the 9th grade in Loveland, CO. Her commitment to empowering others through education is evident as she leads her students toward success and independence.

MINISTRIES

The Notre Dame Sisters, as individuals, take on several personal ministries, each reflecting their unique skills, passions, and commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of those they serve.



SR. CYNTHIA HRUBY

Sr. Cynthia Hruby's ministries reflect her deep commitment to education, social justice, and community engagement. She continues to support Archdiocesan Catholic Schools by substitute teaching as needed and when possible. Her activist energy is channeled through various local and state organizations, including Nebraskans For Peace Palestinian Solidarity, Omaha Together One Community Immigration & Refugee Action Team, Institute for Public Leadership Board, Northern Lights Garden Club, and the Notre Dame Social Justice Committee. Additionally, Sr. Cynthia has taken on the care and beautification of the grounds around the Notre Dame Sisters and Notre Dame Housing properties. Her work with the soil provides her with physical exercise and moments of spiritual connection with nature.



SR. MARGARET PROSKOVEC

As an art educator, Sr. Margaret Proskovec has taught on many levels from Pre-school through college. Currently, she is beginning her final year in the classroom with a course in Art Appreciation at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

An additional ministry in which she participates is helping coordinate a team of volunteer women who visit the Hall County jail each week to pray with women inmates. Sr. Maggie said, "Some of my best God experiences happen there."



SR. VERONICA JO POSEKANY

After retiring from her nursing career, Sr. Veronica Jo Posekany (VJ) continues her ministry of caring for others by dedicating her time to supporting her fellow Notre Dame Sisters. She accompanies them to doctors' appointments, manages their medications, and visits them in the hospital, offering both practical assistance and emotional support. VJ is deeply moved and inspired by the grace with which the Sisters navigate their health challenges, finding purpose and fulfillment in helping them live their lives with dignity and care.

NOTRE DAME SISTERS PRAY FOR ...

The purpose of the Notre Dame Memorial Association is to provide an opportunity to honor, in a significant way, a loved one who has passed away. Below is a list of those enrolled:

Carolyn Shonka Adamy Catherine Miller Adler Leo & Adeline Altman Elizabeth M. Anderson Margaret Andrews Gregory A. Arauza Kenneth E. Arnone Rita C. Bachmann Nadirah Bahaar Elizabeth Bahle Sr. Aloysius Balik, ND John C. Barry

Adolph & Helen Bartek

Rose Bartek Rita J. Bearns

Theresa & Michael Bednarz

Jim Beecham Robert Beer Ernest L. Behne Sr. Teresa Bele, ND Joseph S. Bellus Bob Benak JoEllen Benecke

Joseph John Beninato, Jr.

Frances Bergevin Louis & Irene Bezousek

Alice Bieker Diane Bily

Sr. Raphael Bina, ND Sr. Antonia Bina, ND Diane Bishop John C. Bjornsen

Mary Holly Blalock

Philomena B. Blanchard

Adrian J. Blatny Patrick J. Blaylock John F. Bolamperti Richard Bolek

Patricia & Lawrence Bonacci

Maureen A. Boots Ervin J. & Agnes Brabec Mary Katherine Bruner Elizabeth A. Buehre

George & Blanche Buglewicz

Alan & Rita Burke

Florence Andersen Callone James L. Camenzind Patrick & Katherine Carey Maggie Carmer Conceta C. Castellana Patricia J. Cavanaugh Ann M. Chaney

Marty Chapman

Lucille & Charles Charipar Mary Jo (Stanek) Chlupacek

Frank Christen Elizabeth M. Cihal Kathleen Clark Barbara Lewis Cobb Kathryn A. Codr

Nancy (Shearer) Colbert Cindy Vavrina Collins Dennis Connealy Don Connealy Neil C. Connealy Margaret Connell Donald Conrad Lila Conrad James T. Cooney Alice Coufal Dr. C. Marvin Cox

John Cronin

Theresa Kisicki Dalton Sr. Elizabeth DeMuth Cheryl M. Desterhouse Mary Jo Dieteman Rose Ann Divis Sr. Camilla Divis. ND

Anne & Dwight Cramer

Don & Vyiolette Doernemann

Joe Doernemann Nancy Doernemann

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Paul Dworak Edward Dworak, Sr. Linda M. Eastman Gary Eckl
Gerald Edmonds
Lucille C. Edmonds
Bernadette A. Egr
Richard M. Egr
Carleeta Eichler
Sr. Christine Elia, ND

Charlene Tegeler Erceg

John Esch

Michael P. Fangman Joanne A. Feldhaus Patricia Y. Fender Horence Feulner Linda M. Feye

John & Germaine Ficenec Sr. Barbara Ficenec, ND

Ronald E. Field
John de Fillippi
Florence L. Fitzgerald
Dave Fitzpatrick
Donna & Eloise Foltz
Donna Smith Foltz
Jeanice Schott Franco

Donald Frimml Marilyn J. Frimml Howard Frisinger

Domenick A. & Stella Fucinaro

Fred Fujan
Eugene J. Galus
Jeff Galus
Jerimiah P. Galvin
LaVerna Galvin
Frederick F. Garae

Frederick F. Gargett Marjorie E. Gell Dominic Gentile Joanne M. Gerke Joyce Ann Gerleman Lucille Gibilisco Stephanie Gillespie

Mike Glanz Joseph L. Glaser Ramona Godoy

Dr. Paul & Joan Gradoville

Charlie O. Graham Don & Mary Green

Lillian Green

Robert & Patricia Griffith Danny Lee Grimm Judith A. Gubbels Rev. Stephen J. Gutgsell

Sally Hagemann Bette Hansman Betty M. Hanus Lad J. Hanus Thomas Harding John W. Harris Mary Ann Hartley Linda M. Havelka Raymond J. Havlovic Robert P. Havlovic

Clarence & EveyIn Hayek Timothy John Hayek Sr. Michelle Hayek, ND Jerry & Patricia Head Sr. Phyllis Marie Heble, ND

Travis Heermann

Betty Heai

Charlene M. Helgoth

Malvin & Ernestine Hendrickson

Everett Henry Ann Herold

Sr. Elaine Herold, ND Philip & Martha Hickey

Jay Hicks Jeffery Higgins Frank & Francis Hiller Sr. Carmela Hlavik, ND Sr. Clementine Hlavik, ND

Christine Hodge Marlene Hoffman Alan Joseph Hogan Art & Rita Homan Gene Homes George J. Homic Jennifer Horn Clare L. Hotovec Paul & Clare Hotovec Sr. Mary Jo Hrnchir, ND

Fred Hromas

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Nyla Hussey Allen Ihnen

Dr. Roger A. Jacobs

Ernest & Jeannette Jambor

Helen Janak Gerald Janicek LaVetta H. Janicek Ernie Janousek

Sr. Alma Janousek, ND

Harold & Evelyn Janulewicz

Carl & CeCe Jelinek Carol Johnson Lisa Marie Johnson Richard Jones Eldon R. Jordan

Marilyn & Robert Joyce

Edward L. Kacirek

Blanche & Charles Kalinay

John Kalkowski

Norbert & Jane Kalkowski

Lola Karnopp Courtney Kautter George Kavan Ethel M. Kavan Helen Kawa Janis Lee Kazimour

Joe & Wilma Keane Olivia Guerra Keatina

Rose Keelan Harold Kehm Paul R. Kenworthy Mary Lee Kenworthy Hugh & Mary Ellen Kerwin

Maureen B. Kessler

Dennis Kirk Don & Betty Kleine Donna Klover Lori Ann Knaack Raymond E. Kohout

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Joseph & Anne Krajicek Karen A. Kramolisch Aloys & Della Krause

Joe Krejci

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Jayne Linn Nathan H. Locher

Tom Locher

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Gerald Mazur Alice Post McAndrew

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Reilly Robert & Jean Reinders Ambrose & Marcella

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Andrewrew & Leota Swetala

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Emmet Tinley
Marie T. Tlamka
Trent A. Toline
Patricia D. Tomasek
Becky Tometich

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Dave vavrina

Frances J. Vazzano

Charles & Stella Velinsky

Stella Velinsky Bessie Voboril

Anton, Agnes, & Alvin Vodicka

Lawrence E. Vrbka Ruth Waddell

Daniel A. Wais

Mary Ann Wais

Jean Marie Waiss

Rose Walla

Mary Wallen

Donna Ward

Elda Warne

James Sr. & Rose Waszgis

August Weiss Geri Wentz

Linda Marie Wenzl

Louie Werner

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Four Notre Dame Sisters with 220 years of religious service between them, celebrated Jubilees in 2023: Sr. Mary Jo Hrnchir+ and Sr. Kathleen Cramer celebrated 60 years, along with Sr. Joy Connealy and Sr. Joyce Rezac celebrating 50 years.

Sr. Mary Jo Hrnchir, ND, dedicated herself to serving the community with unwavering commitment at Notre Dame Academy and the Motherhouse, undertaking various responsibilities. After the closure of Notre Dame Academy in 1974, Sr. Mary Jo embarked on a new path of service at Florence Nursing Home, where she served as a nursing assistant for eleven years. Subsequently, she extended her nursing expertise to Villa de Dante and Western Medical Services in Omaha before returning to the Florence Home in 1994, this time as a registered nursing assistant, continuing to enrich the lives of residents with her expertise and warmth. Sadly, Sr. Mary Jo passed away on August 5, 2023.



Sr. Kathleen Cramer, ND, spent many years teaching elementary and high school, spanning across Omaha, Cedar Rapids, IA, and Wahoo, NE. She also spent many years as a bookkeeper, office manager, and desktop publisher at the Archdiocesan Family Life Office, a path she continued until 2007 when she transitioned to the Archdiocesan Finance Office, working as a bookkeeper until her retirement in 2020. Today, Sr. Kathleen continues to serve the community in various capacities. serves on the Notre Dame Finance Committee, and assists the nursing coordinator, Sr. Veronica Jo. Her presence and involvement in these roles demonstrate her commitment to the well-being of her fellow sisters and the largercommunity.

Sr. Joyce Rezac, ND, embarked on her teaching career at Roncalli Catholic High School in the 1974-1975 school year, dedicating 18 years to shaping young minds in the realm of mathematics and leaving a lasting impact on her students. Beyond Roncalli, her passion for education led her to Bishop Neumann in Wahoo, NE, where she spent three years imparting her knowledge. Subsequently, her journey took her to Loveland, CO, where she continues her profound commitment to education as an ESL (English as a Second Language) instructor for adults. In this role, she empowers individuals on their journey to success and self-sufficiency, radiating her dedication to the transformative power of education.

During Sr. Joy Connealy's career, she served in Porcupine, SD on the Pine Ridge Reservation, in community service at Notre Dame Academy and as secretary to the President of the Notre Dame Sisters and as Executive Director of Teens Encounter Christ. For the past 37 years she has served as Provincial Treasurer, twelve of those years as a Councilor on the Notre Dame Sisters' Leadership Team. Sr. Joy currently serves on the Notre Dame Housing Board and the Notre Dame Sisters' investment committee.



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