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# God's blessings

## FROM THE PROVINCIAL LEADER

Sister Mary Anne Owens, SSND



*“As God wills! When he calls, we say with Samuel, “Here I am, Lord!”*

*– Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger  
Letter 1856, Feb. 2, 1865*

God calls each of us. How do we respond to that call? Do we ignore it? Do we wait to decide how to respond? Do we jump right in? We all respond in different ways.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame respond to God's call by working to transform the world through education – both traditional and non-traditional. In this issue you will read about Sister Carleen Reck, SSND, and the Criminal Justice Ministry (CJM) in St. Louis. Through CJM, Sister Carleen teaches men how to transition from incarceration to freedom and success. The ministry has an incredible success rate. You'll also read about Derrick, who went from prison to employment to a management job and is now serving on the board of CJM to pay it forward.

Many lay people respond to God's call by volunteering and supporting organizations like SSND with prayer, partnership and sharing their gifts of time, talent and treasure. On page 5 you will meet the Fitch family who started a Golf Tournament and Card Party in Dayton, Minnesota, which is continued by their sons. You'll read about Laura, a long-term volunteer in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, who says she has gotten more from volunteering than she could ever have expected. This issue also features our annual Stewardship Report.

If you're looking for a way to respond to God's call, don't miss information about all the upcoming opportunities for you to join us. We have many fun and exciting events coming up this spring.

As always, the School Sisters of Notre Dame are grateful for your ongoing love and support. 

### ON THE COVER

*Sister Geraldine Neier, SSND, meets with a new client at the Criminal Justice Ministry. Each prospective client must be interviewed to make sure they are a good fit for the program.* PHOTO CREDIT: CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINISTRY



# Sisters CHANGE perceptions on both sides of prison bars

By Lauren Huffman

**I**magine being removed from society for 40 years – arrested at the age of 18, so you have never worked a job, used a cell phone or shopped for groceries because you have spent the majority of your life in a 6-by-9 foot cell. At the end of your sentence, you do not understand

the new world around you: how to speak, how to act, how to function in a “normal” environment. You feel branded – like everyone knows what you did.



For those recently released from prison, this is the harsh reality.

Enter the Criminal Justice Ministry (CJM) in St. Louis, Missouri. This non-profit organization, with three School Sisters of Notre Dame on staff and more as volunteers, works to change societal perceptions of those

formerly incarcerated and to provide basic necessities to former prisoners to enable them to transition back into society.

“They’re humans, not monsters,” stated Executive Director Sister Carleen Reck, SSND. *“I’m not the same person I was when I was 18, and you cannot expect someone locked away for so long to be either. We need to start viewing them as human and give them a second chance. It will be the only way to keep them out of prison again and give them a shot at a normal life.”*

Started in 1979, CJM programs address four basic needs in and out of prison: the need for human connection while incarcerated, basic needs once released, long-term help with community engagement and collaboration within the St. Louis area. The ministry finds men more often than women lack a support system once released.

CJM serves four Missouri prisons – Potosi, Bonne Terre, Farmington

and Pacific – as well as 10 other jails. About 60 of the hundreds of people who volunteer at CJM go into the prisons, having one-on-one visits with those who have no visitors, teaching classes, leading prayer services and offering classes for those wishing to join the Catholic faith. Others participate in pen pal programs. Coordinator of Volunteers Sister Rose Rita Huelsmann, SSND, also visits prisons, prepares volunteers and helps coordinate ministry visits.

Once released, many released prisoners have no family or friends to offer them shelter or basic clothing. CJM fills this void by providing Welcome Backpacks loaded with personal hygiene items, underwear, socks, medications, bus tickets and vital papers, such as birth certificates and personal identification. They provided nearly 2,500 backpacks in 2014-15 to recently released ex-prisoners. Key to this service is staff member Sister Geraldine Neier, SSND, who interviews many of the people who come to CJM for direct services.

## From prison to board of directors:

### DERRICK'S STORY

By Lauren Huffman, Communications

**D**errick was just 20 years old when he entered prison. He was 43 when he left, having spent more than half of his lifetime behind bars. Not only had a lot changed in society, but also he found himself lacking basic skills for living on his own.

Criminal Justice Ministry (CJM) was asked to help Derrick and immediately realized he would benefit from involvement in their new Release to Rent program, which provides regular housing to those recently released. CJM is a non-profit organization that works to change society's misperceptions about those like Derrick who have been incarcerated, as well as helping released individuals acclimate to society.

When he was released from prison, Derrick went straight to his apartment. When he arrived at his new home, he felt lost. After spending most of his life in a 6-by-9 foot cell, Derrick was not used to so much space. He looked around and asked to shut off access to the bedroom.

He started meeting people in the neighborhood and even helped a neighbor across the street with landscaping, but refused any money for his service. He took a job no one else wanted, working with hospital linens in a hot space that lacked air conditioning. Derrick now has worked at the laundry for 12 years and has become a manager. As such, he is able to hire others who are willing to work hard in difficult situations.

When CJM sought to expand the board of directors, they immediately turned to Derrick. He now serves on their board. 

CJM's flagship program, Release to Rent, provides small furnished apartments scattered throughout the community for men who have been released so they do not have to go to crowded halfway houses.

Case managers support the Release to Rent program through weekly support group meetings and overall guidance, in addition to the apartment, food and bus passes to help getting to and from their jobs.

*“With this program, fewer than 10 percent of our clients return to prison, compared to the 65 percent national average,”* Sister Carleen explained.

“These men now have the opportunity to live in a normal housing unit with normal neighbors in a normal environment, as opposed to a halfway house, which is like an extension of prison.”

More veterans are going to prison while the assistance for them once they are released is minimal. The number of those going to prison is increasing and the assistance for those who are released is minimal.

Client Services Director Aaron Laxton explains that “the average profile for one of our veteran clients is 40-55 years old. He will have committed a felony and have a substance abuse problem, possibly along with a mental health disorder.”

Most have been rejected by their families, and didn't conform to the military and don't conform to the law, landing them in prison.

“We really try to get these guys to a point where they graduate, meaning they are fully employed, have not been using drugs or alcohol, have a balanced mental health and are fully self-sufficient.”

Despite working with some of the toughest cases and clients, no member of the community has

been victimized by one of the CJM program participants.

CJM works with other organizations, serving on the Steering Committee of St. Louis Alliance for Reentry. They also collaborate with the Criminal Justice Task Force of Empower Missouri (formerly the Missouri Association of Social Welfare) to promote fair laws and to seek alternatives for non-violent offenders.



Volunteer Coordinator Sister Rose Rita Heulsmann, SSND, chats with a volunteer at CJM.

CJM does not just directly help clients, but advocates for them, as well.

“We advocate against the death penalty,” Sister Rose Rita said. “It costs \$2 million on average in Missouri to give someone the death penalty with lawyers' fees and expert witnesses, but it is \$24,000 per year to keep someone alive in jail. We are not being smart about this.”

CJM aims to make finding jobs and apartments easier by “banning the box,” referring to the felony question on applications. Most jobs and housing complexes will not consider a prospective employee or renter who has a prior conviction, so removing the box removes another potential barrier to reintegration. 



## GOLF AND CARDS

Volunteers and sisters team up to grow tournament, card party

By Mike Lagerquist, Communications

The next few months are busy with events hosted by the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province. We hope you will join us for one or

more of our upcoming events (see back page for dates). They can be great fun, whether it's your first time or your tenth.

Charlie and June Fitch started working with the School Sisters of

Fitch is the current chairman of the golf tournament. June Fitch has helped with the card party and was asked to coordinate it last year. The event continues to grow and evolve. Many people look forward to

attending it each year.

At the time of its creation, there weren't many outreach opportunities in the northwestern Twin Cities area, says

Sister Marion Welter, SSND, who worked in development. "At that time, Dave Suman and Matt's father [Charlie] were both on our development board and they brought it up. Since they brought it up, it landed in their hands to run the tournament." It seemed to be the perfect marriage of

need and opportunity. Just as the golf tournament started to fill a perceived gap, the card party was added for those who wanted to attend but don't golf. The golf tournament begins with a shotgun start – one or two foursomes start at each of the 18 holes – and then the card party begins in the clubhouse. It goes on throughout the day, along with a bucket raffle with prizes. The day culminates after golfers return for a buffet dinner and awards program. It is a full day of fellowship and fun.



Sister Marion Welter, SSND, catches up with former students and friends they brought to the Golf Tournament and Card Party. (GOLF TOURNAMENT PHOTO CREDITS MIKE LAGERQUIST)



Matt Fitch speaks at last year's event.

Notre Dame on a fundraising golf tournament more than a dozen years ago, after having been introduced to the sisters' work when their children attended St. Mary's School in Worthington, Minnesota. SSND was an organization that was near and dear to their hearts, June Fitch says today.

Charlie has since passed away, but many in the Fitch family are still involved in the event held in June at Daytona Golf Club in Dayton, Minnesota. Both of the Fitches' sons – Matt and Mark – have been involved with organizing, and Matt

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016**  
**DAYTONA GOLF CLUB IN DAYTON, MINNESOTA**

**TO REGISTER, VISIT [SSNDCP.ORG/GOLF](http://SSNDCP.ORG/GOLF)**



Golfers enjoyed perfect weather for the 2015 tournament at Daytona Golf Club.

*teamwork*

## **GOLF AND CARDS**

The Golf Tournament and Card Party is planned by a committee made up of about 10 lay people and sisters under the direction of Mary Kay Murray, development coordinator, who oversees the event. Sister Monica Wagner, SSND, sister donor representative, is also key to its execution. “The Golf Tournament and Card Party could not happen without the support of the committee,” Murray says.

More people are introduced to the event each year, which contributes to its continuing success. Originally, many of the participants

had a direct relationship with the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Through the years, however, people have invited friends to participate and those friends have since invited other friends. June Fitch says one of the important parts for those newer participants is that they see sisters – who benefit from the event’s success – working the event. This creates a bond with participants, unlike other golf tournaments they attend.

Matt Fitch says the sisters definitely contribute to the event’s success through assisting in planning and running it. “I think it started

out as just a fun event that is now growing because the people that have gone there continue to come back. And they’ve had a lot of fun so they invite more people.”

The tournament is an opportunity to share the good news about the School Sisters of Notre Dame’s changing and growing ministries. For Matt Fitch, it brings important things in his life full circle: “It’s cool to see these teachers that basically were a part of shaping us as individuals ... It’s kind of fun to give back and be a part of this.” 



# CELEBRATING OUR SISTERS

## Transforming the World Through Education

*celebrating*



**Sister Ellen Lorenz, Ed.D.**



**Sister Beverly Ann Fries**



**Sister Mary Ann Kuttner**



**Sister Patricia Ann Obremski**



**Sister Carleen Reck**



**Sister Grace Marie Mueller**



**Sister Mary Tacheny**

**Sister Ellen Lorenz, Ed.D., SSND**, was honored with the title Professor Emerita Aug. 24, 2015, by Mount Mary University. Her “significant contributions to the mission of Mount Mary University, the education of students and to the general welfare of the academic community” were highlighted at the ceremony. Besides her work as professor of education, she served as assistant dean, dean and president of Mount Mary. More recently, Sister Ellen has been involved in The Higher Learning Commission Self-Study Criterion Three: Student Learning and Effective Teaching and the Creative Campus Initiative Task Force.

**Sister Beverly Ann Fries, SSND**, was honored Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 at the Minneapolis Hilton Hotel for her work as a math tutor through the Lutheran Social Services foster grandparent program. Now in her 11th year as a tutor at the alternative high school, she was recognized at the program’s 150-year anniversary celebration along with 149 other recipients.

**Sister Mary Ann Kuttner, SSND**, Central Pacific Province archivist, received special recognition at the Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious (ACWR) Triennial conference in August. The organization was founded in 1990 and opened to membership in 1991. Sister Mary Ann was one of the original members in attendance at the conference and, along with five other original members, was presented with a corsage.

**Sister Patricia Ann Obremski, SSND**, received the Madonna Medal at the Mount Mary University Alumnae Awards night Oct. 9, 2015. The medal is awarded to those women who demonstrate a longstanding commitment to their profession, volunteerism or the university. The winners exhibit

outstanding dedication and excellence.

The citation for Sister Patricia Ann’s special recognition noted: “For more than 50 years, School Sister of Notre Dame Patricia Ann Obremski has been teaching science and spreading her unique passion for learning. She constantly strives to keep her lessons current and relatable for students.”

**Sister Carleen Reck, SSND**, accepted one of eight Spirit of Justice Awards on behalf of the Criminal Justice Ministry (CJM), which is affiliated with the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The award was presented by the St. Louis Bar Foundation Oct. 16, 2015 at Union Station. CJM was recognized for its work establishing human connections in high-tech prisons and providing support for individuals re-entering the St. Louis area after being imprisoned. (See story on CJM on pages 3 and 4).

**Sister Grace Marie Mueller, SSND**, received a 20th Anniversary Award from the 20th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council Oct. 30, 2015. It was presented in recognition of her contributions to the council to end family violence. It said in part, “Your hard work and dedication has helped so many people stay safe in the face of domestic violence.”

**Sister Mary Tacheny, SSND**, will participate in an archives project documenting the growth of sustainable agriculture through her efforts as educator/collaborator with people who live in rural areas. The Archives Project, a multi-state effort, traces the history of a growing movement that believes better care of the land results in healthier people and a healthier economy. It believes that the movement can move forward by listening to the struggles and successes of those who played an important role in getting the movement started. 



## AROUND THE PROVINCE

### Event Updates



PHOTO BY MIKE LAGERQUIST

The Craft Fair and Garage Sale at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato.

## Milestone year in Mankato

In October, we celebrated a milestone year with the **40th Annual Craft Fair & Garage Sale** at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato, Minnesota. More than 900 people attended the Oct. 10, 2015 Craft Fair & Garage Sale, which brought together sisters and associates from across the province. This event continues to grow in attendance and dollars raised. Special thanks to the Catholic Order of Foresters for providing wonderful food and a matching gift.



PHOTO BY LAUREN HUEFMAN

The Mass of Appreciation at Sancta Maria in Ripa in St. Louis

## Donors receive our thanks

To show appreciation to the generous and faithful donors, we hosted five **Mass of Appreciation** events throughout the province in 2015. The events were held at St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa, Mississippi, Aug. 1; Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Wisconsin, Sept. 13; Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato, Minnesota, Sept. 20; Notre Dame of Dallas, Texas, Oct. 4; and Sancta Maria in Ripa in St. Louis, Missouri, Oct. 18. These events also provided an opportunity for sisters to connect with donors, family and friends for fellowship and sharing memories.



PHOTO BY MIKE LAGERQUIST

A concert noted 150 years of School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato.

## Special musical events

A Holiday Open House and Concert was celebrated Jan. 10, 2016, at the Sancta Maria in Ripa campus in St. Louis, Missouri. This year's event was again directed by Sister Gail Buchman, SSND, with an appearance by the Notre Dame High School Concert Choir. **A 150th anniversary concert** of School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato was celebrated Sept. 20, 2015 in the beautiful chapel at Our Lady of Good Counsel and included a historical narrative combined with glorious music provided by the sisters.

*Thank you to everyone who attended these events!*

Please visit the website for a calendar of events:  
[ssndcentralpacific.org/Experience/Calendar-of-Events](http://ssndcentralpacific.org/Experience/Calendar-of-Events)  
Photo albums from many of our events are posted on our  
Facebook page: [facebook.com/ssnd.centralpacific](https://www.facebook.com/ssnd.centralpacific)



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

*Volunteer gains new appreciation for living responsibly through sisters*

By Laura Harvancik, SSND volunteer

*“The sisters whom I have come to know are full of love, sincerity and respect.”*

**F**or years I’ve driven by Notre Dame of Elm Grove and wondered, ‘What goes on in there? Who lives there?’ I’ve lived in communities surrounding this building and this place my entire life. I’ve even had School Sisters of Notre Dame educate me in my past.

So, about three years ago it was time. I soon discovered that they celebrate and honor the women of our world who are committed to the transformative power of education. I was amazed to find out that they have missions all over the world. On their website I found events taking place all over the province and a meditation class offered right here in this building. I showed up.

In the meditation class, I met Sister Suzanne Moynihan, SSND, at the time director of The Edge (Educational Dreams for a Green Era). Environmental and ecological issues are very important to me, and sister invited me to share in her mission, which I was grateful to do. So, I guess, she opened the door for me...and she invited me in.

Here are some of the activities—and women—I found.

- In February, the sisters decided on a little project called the Sister Seed Starter Project. The in-house sisters and staff collected about 800 toilet paper rolls and the sisters crafted little bio-degradable seed pots: added some dirt, a seed, a little water, a lot of love. On Earth Day they offered them to the community as a gift from the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Some were kept

here on-site and nurtured by Sister Rose Helene, who planted them in the garden.

- Sister Niva lets me help her in the Shalom Library, in which she devotedly gathers and thoughtfully displays hundreds of relevant books and timely articles.

- There’s an amazing grape arbor here. It’s probably about 120 or so years old. Some say that the original cutting came from Bavaria. The sisters make grape juice and jelly with those grapes. They enjoy the juice and they sell the jelly in the gift shop. I got to pick grapes this year with Sisters Maureen and Maxine, and I picked apples with Sister Mary Beck, SSND.

- Sisters Clara and Joelise shared their time and beautiful flower garden and patio with me. We will miss Sister Joelise next summer as she is now taking beautiful photos and tending her garden in heaven.

- Sometimes I just hang out with the resident clown, Orange Blossom, a.k.a. Sister Francita, who dresses up and spreads her special cheer to sisters here and at Our Lady of the Angels.

I care deeply for the future of these women, thus have a personal investment in Resource Development. I have an opportunity to work with Development Coordinator Mary Kay Murray in that area. There’s always plenty to do to get ready for the annual events, such as the Women’s Leadership Luncheon in March and the Wine and Chocolate Soiree in April.

This fall, the 40th annual Craft Fair and Garage Sale in Mankato,



Laura Harvancik with Sister Karen Walther, SSND, the artist of a piece Laura purchased at the 2015 Wine & Chocolate Soiree in Elm Grove, Wisconsin.

Minnesota, pretty much brought my year full circle through a broad spectrum of opportunities.

Right here, in this building and throughout the world, I know these sisters never give up. They continue to respond to crisis and heartbreaks of the world with education, action and prayer.

We all know how critical an education is to our successful future. To be surrounded here by women who never stop learning and sharing their knowledge is an incredible blessing.

Their daily lives help me appreciate service and simplicity, and support my sense of living responsibly and sustainably with creation.

The School Sisters of Notre Dame have my eternal, loving gratitude for letting me in.

*Author Laura Harvancik is a volunteer for Notre Dame of Elm Grove in the Village of Elm Grove, Wisconsin, and Mankato, Minnesota.*





# 2014-2015 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

School Sisters of Notre Dame  
Central Pacific Province



By Leah Pockrandt  
Resource Development Director

**B**lessings are all around us in our lives. Each day I am reminded, and continue to be amazed, by the blessings that the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province receive from all of you – our benefactors, our friends and our partners in mission.

As the School Sisters of Notre Dame foundress, Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, said:

*“No angel is able to count the blessings which even on a single day God gives to a person.”*

We are blessed with your presence at events, your prayers, your gifts of time, talent and treasure, along with the many other ways

you support the sisters and their ministries. With your partnership we have been, we are, and we will continue to make a difference.

This Stewardship Report illustrates your gracious generosity. Your investments help us support our many ministries and assist us in caring for our sisters who are sick or retired from active ministries as they now minister through prayer and presence. We will continue to be good stewards of your gifts. With you, our partners, we are educating others, assisting them to reach the fullness of their potential as they direct their personal gifts to make the world a better place.

This Stewardship Report shows funds received and distributed during fiscal year July 1, 2014

to June 30, 2015. Contributions given to the Retirement Fund are used toward immediate and long-term needs of our retired sisters in skilled care, assisted living and independent living facilities. Gifts given to the Unrestricted Fund are used for the operating expenses of the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province – its facilities, support of sisters and their ministries, and other needs.

If you have any questions regarding this report or would like to discuss ways you can support the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province, please contact Leah Pockrandt, Resource Development Director, at [lpockrandt@ssndcp.org](mailto:lpockrandt@ssndcp.org) or **507-389-4212**. 

## Gifts Received

Area	Percent	Total Amount	
Grants	0.70	\$34,860	
Retirement	7.19	\$353,779	
Restricted	20.86	\$1,027,043	
Unrestricted	29.70	\$1,462,184	
Bequests	41.55	\$2,045,796	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$4,923,662</b>	

## Gift Designation

Area	Percent	Total Amount	
Associates	1.96	\$96,395	
Global Justice & Peace	3.56	\$175,428	
Sisters' Formation & Education	6.98	\$343,439	
Pastoral Care	9.89	\$486,769	
Undercompensated Ministries	15.23	\$750,000	
Retirement	62.38	\$3,071,631	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$4,923,662</b>	

# remembered

Precious and blessed is the death of the faithful before God...  
for they die in union with their dear Jesus, in the grace of God, in peace.

— Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, Foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Letter 11, Sept. 10, 1831

## JANUARY

Mary Padua Unterburger  
Mankato, Minnesota  
Marion (Edward Marie) Fritz  
Mankato, Minnesota  
Mary Louise (Masako) Yasui  
Kyoto, Japan  
Mary Helen Francis Small  
Greenfield, Wisconsin  
Carol Catherine Berres  
Greenfield, Wisconsin

## FEBRUARY

Clare (Paul Clare) Reinert  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Rose Anthony Terkowsch  
Elm Grove, Wisconsin  
Rosemarita Huebner  
Elm Grove, Wisconsin  
Frances Marie Bochniak  
Elm Grove, Wisconsin

## APRIL

Henriette Hoene  
Bridgeton, Missouri  
Mary Josel Zender  
Mankato, Minnesota  
M. Daniella Kuhn  
Mankato, Minnesota  
Mary-Roman Obremski  
Elm Grove, Wisconsin  
Mary Gregory Smith  
Arcadia, Wisconsin

## MAY

Lucy Marie Rubenzer  
Elm Grove, Wisconsin  
M. Grace (Tokuko) Wada  
Kyoto, Japan  
M. Marlene Breimhorst  
Mankato, Minnesota

## JUNE

Frances Ann Eveler  
St. Louis, Missouri

## JULY

Carmen Francis Siguenza  
Talofofo, Guam  
Joanne Marie Zavadsky  
Greenfield, Wisconsin  
Annabelle (William Marie)  
Theis  
Mankato, Minnesota

## AUGUST

Dorothy (Mary Laurence)  
Olinger  
Mankato, Minnesota

## SEPTEMBER

Anne Marie Tholkes  
Mankato, Minnesota  
Mary Clarea Hotze  
Bridgeton, Missouri

## OCTOBER

Margaret Cortona Hurst  
Bridgeton, Missouri  
Eileen (Mary Allan) Curran  
Greenfield, Wisconsin  
M. Valine Saumweber  
Mankato, Minnesota  
Mary Regina Miller  
Elm Grove, Wisconsin  
Lucille (Ralph Marie) Zerr  
Bridgeton, Missouri  
Clarita Rathgeb  
Bridgeton, Missouri  
Barbara (M. Francella) Simek  
Mankato, Minnesota

## NOVEMBER

Anna Mary Caronia  
Chatawa, Mississippi

## DECEMBER

Robertus Hanlen  
Bridgeton, Missouri  
Joelise Restle  
Elm Grove, Wisconsin  
Arlene Hodapp  
Mankato, Minnesota

*Remembrances of our deceased sisters are posted  
on our website at [ssndcentralpacific.org/explore/In-Loving-Memory](http://ssndcentralpacific.org/explore/In-Loving-Memory)*

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## Our Mission

is to proclaim the Good News as School Sisters of Notre Dame, directing our entire lives toward that oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent.

*You Are Sent, Constitution of the School Sisters of Notre Dame*



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# Wine & Chocolate Soirees

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16**  
Notre Dame of Elm Grove  
Elm Grove, Wisconsin  
*Featuring Ceol Cairde*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**  
Sancta Maria in Ripa  
St. Louis, Missouri  
*Featuring Erin Bode*

**SATURDAY, MAY 21**  
Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Mankato, Minnesota  
*Featuring harpist  
Serena O'Meara*

# Women's Leadership Luncheons

**TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 11:30 A.M.**  
Family Center  
St. Monica Catholic Church, Dallas, Texas  
Presentation by Kris Kramer, Executive Director  
Catholic Pro-Life Committee of North Texas

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 11:30 A.M.**  
Sancta Maria in Ripa Campus  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Presentation by Anne-Marie Clarke  
Family Court Commissioner

**THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 11:30 A.M.**  
Notre Dame of Elm Grove  
Elm Grove, Wisconsin  
Presentation by Rhonda M. Ware, J.D.  
Founder and President of UR Aware, LLC

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 11:30 A.M.**  
University of St. Thomas  
Anderson Student Center, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Presentation by Dr. Julie H. Sullivan  
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