



School Sisters of Notre Dame

Central Pacific Province

TRANSFORMING THE WORLD THROUGH EDUCATION



“The teachers truly love these kids and pour themselves into their work.”

– Notre Dame School of Dallas parent Kim Roosevelt



From the *Provincial Leader* Sister Mary Anne Owens, SSND

“In and with God everything is possible; this is my consolation, my comfort, my joy, and my only hope.”

– Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger
Letter 2501 | November 25, 1857

Everything is possible through God and our sisters have many stories about how God has blessed them, their ministries and the people they have served over the years. Our Jubilarians have a unique opportunity to share their stories as we celebrate them during their special anniversary year! This year, 110 of our sisters are celebrating Jubilees and three of them are featured in this publication. In addition, all of our Jubilarians are featured on the Central Pacific Province website: www.ssndcp.org/nl/jubilee.

Respect, joy and hope are felt by the students and families of the Notre Dame School of Dallas. The school, which started 53 years ago, serves students who have a diagnosis of mild to moderate intellectual disabilities. Students between 8-23 years of age take part in a traditional curriculum of math, science, religion, reading, music and physical education, while also participating in computer skills training, independent living and career exploration.

Whether our sisters are in active ministry or living in prayer and presence, we know we couldn't do any of it without God and your ongoing prayer, love and support. We remain grateful for your ongoing partnership and wish you the blessings of autumn! ■

ON THE COVER:

Sister Maureen Therese Mueller works with students at Notre Dame School of Dallas on musical skills. They are, from left to right, Juan Ramirez, Arian Cuevas, Martin Bianco, Eli Covarrubias and Beker Mata.

Photo by Elizabeth Garrison

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Donor Spotlight

Bitsie's service to SSND continues to come as the Spirit guides her

By Mike Lagerquist, Communications



Bitsie Scholwinski, center, with Day-to-Day Retreat participants Ana Valadez, left, and Stella Arias.

Photo by Robert Scholwinski

She has always been known as Bitsie. And as an adult, Bitsie has always been involved with the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

"Spiritual development was always important. It is just that now we have so fewer days ahead of us than behind," Bitsie Scholwinski said from her home in San Antonio. Hers is far from a fatalist point of view, however. It's simply an understanding of life that adds urgency and intensity to the acts that have filled her 76 years serving God.



Bitsie Scholwinski.

Photo by Robert Scholwinski

The ways in which she serves God have changed. For 12 years, she was a School Sister of Notre Dame. Then she was a wife, mother and now a grandmother. She says she left SSND for medical reasons, and she understands that it was simply a part of the plan for her.

"Never did I doubt my calling into religious life, nor my leaving. And I have always considered myself an SSND at heart."

Sister Dolores Siebenmorgen works with Bitsie and other San Antonio associates of SSND. She called Bitsie "an inspiring person and so dedicated to Notre Dame and our mission. One of her pet sayings is, 'Whatever the Spirit wants it to be, it will be,'" Sister Dolores said.

Inspiration also is what Bitsie provides Sister Joyelle Proot, who knows her as a leader of the Day-to-Day Retreat program, which guides through the teachings of Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger. "I was inspired by her wanting to be a spiritual guide to others," Sister Joyelle said.

As a sister, she taught in Corpus Christi, Texas; Morrilton, Arkansas; New Orleans; and Chatawa, Mississippi. In later life, she continued as a math tutor and, when time allowed in 1994, she became active in, and now works with, about 10 people in the SSND associate program in San Antonio, according to Co-Director Anne Carey. "I give Bitsie credit for reaching out to these associates."

These examples represent Bitsie's understanding of her role with SSND. "Many Catholics in my situation are following Christ to a level of good," she said. "Christ, however, wants us to be GREAT. When I look at, follow and study the SSNDs, they already have so many of the tools of sainthood in their hip pocket." ■

"Whatever the Spirit wants it to be, it will be."

– Bitsie Scholwinski

Notre Dame School of Dallas



Students at Notre Dame School of Dallas celebrated the completion of the Hearts & Hammers Campaign.

Photo by Elizabeth Garrison

By Mike Lagerquist, Communications

The students at Notre Dame School of Dallas have already seen the benefits from a nearly complete \$12 million capital campaign that has resulted in a shiny new look to their building and brought improved technology to the classrooms. Proceeds from the Hearts & Hammers Campaign help guarantee that the only school for students with intellectual disabilities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area continues to operate by the goals set by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, who founded the school in 1963.

The Hearts & Hammers Campaign was initiated to help fund major rehabilitation of their 62-year-old building. Generous donations from the surrounding communities have allowed them to gut the building and restructure it. Furniture and most

computer equipment also were replaced and updated. Two classrooms were created, which allows adding 20 special needs students in a planned growth.

“This mission of teaching students with special needs had been sorely neglected by the school system until Mother M. Georgianne Segner, SSND, and three more School Sisters of Notre Dame saw the need in 1962 to open such a facility,” said Sister Maureen Therese Mueller, who oversees the music department. Like the teachers of today, the sisters in 1962 saw the need for the school as a ministry that matches the SSND mission. “God has gifted me with the ability to reach these students and bring out their hidden potentials as loving and talented children of God,” Sister Maureen Therese said.

In keeping with the SSND mission of “transforming the world through education,” the biggest impact of the school is the student experience.

“It’s such a happy place”

*– Elizabeth Garrison,
Development Assistant*

Parent Kim Roosevelt said this about her 12-year-old daughter, Caroline, who has attended NDS of Dallas for 3 1/2 years, “Caroline is much more independent today because of the encouragement of her teachers.” She dresses herself, makes basic food items, walks herself to dance class and has learned to use the calculator in math class. “The teachers truly love these kids and pour themselves into their work,” she added.

SSND-founded school is changing lives

Jane Martin's son, Andrew, has Down Syndrome. He moved to Notre Dame School of Dallas from the public schools 13 years ago at age 9.

"He is soft-spoken and shy, but loves to be included in any group activities," his mother said. "He has a great group of classmates who understand each other and work well together. The faculty is amazing!"

The enhanced school has had an effect on faculty, too.



Cheerleading is one of the activities at Notre Dame School of Dallas.

Photo by Elizabeth Garrison

"It's hard to measure the positive impact this renovation has had on the teachers," said Kay Barry, development director. "It's great just to have a bright, clean, modern environment." Elizabeth Garrison, Barry's assistant in development, said, "It's such a happy place."

The school started with fewer than 20 kids aged 6-15, Barry said. Today, there are more than 150 students ranging in age from 8-23 years who participate in academic learning as well as

vocational training. The 15 classrooms with 10-12 students each include a teacher and assistant.

Every student at Notre Dame School has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) with specific goals aligned to their gifts and needs in areas of academics and living skills.

Students participate in a reading program, have access to a technology program and spend half of their day beginning at age 15 in vocational training at area businesses. Religious instruction is available, if requested, and extracurricular activities are offered.

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*– Jane Martin,
Andrew's mother*

Younger students participate in daily living skills activities, where they gain such abilities as microwaving a potato, filling and operating a dishwasher, and laundering clothes. Basic grooming, proper dress and good manners are also stressed.

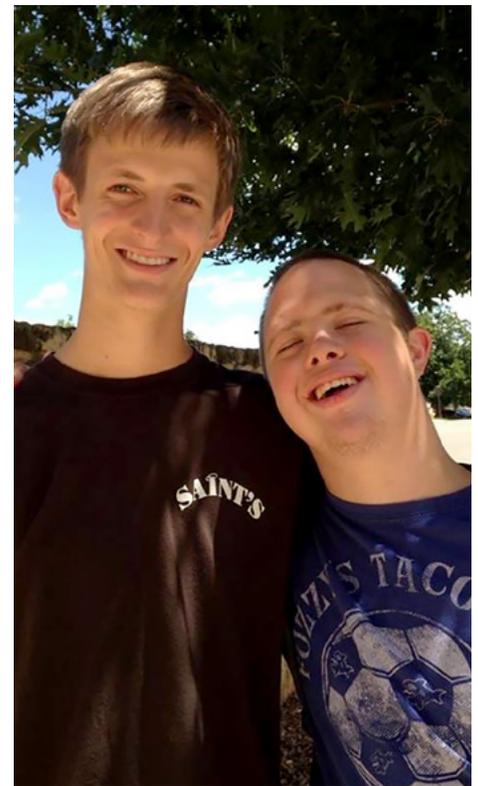
The school keeps tuition low and provides additional financial aid to about 30 percent of the students. This means about \$1 million must be raised each year.

The Hearts & Hammers Campaign included a goal of adding \$3 million to the endowment, in part to help generate funding toward this continuing assistance.

"We only have two more years at Notre Dame and, honestly, I am not looking forward to leaving and moving on," said Martin, Andrew's mother.

"It's a very special place that has been instrumental in helping not only Andrew, but our entire family!"

For more information about Notre Dame School of Dallas, visit them online at www.notredameschool.org/ or at [www.Facebook.com/TheNotre-DameSchoolofDallas](https://www.facebook.com/TheNotre-DameSchoolofDallas). ■



Notre Dame School of Dallas student Andrew Martin, right, and his twin brother, Garrett.

Photo by Jane Martin

Honoring Our Jubilarians

By Lauren Huffman, Communications

This year, we celebrate 110 Jubilarians of the Central Pacific Province. These Jubilarians made their first vows to God between 25 and 80 years ago, and we commemorate their service to the community and to one another.

Each Jubilarian has a unique story. Some are teachers, while others educate by working with immigrants and refugees or serving in the medical field. For many, one experience shaped their ministry. Below, read more about Sisters Anna Louise Kemen, celebrating 60 years, and Jean Marie Grefenkamp, celebrating 50 years. They both served in Central America.

School Sisters of Notre Dame began missions in Central America to educate communities that are disadvantaged. Sister

Anna Louise was first missioned to Guatemala in 1970 to teach and later moved into pastoral ministry. She ministered in Guatemala approximately 10 years.

For six years, she taught English to 700 high school students. The teachers worked to educate the community so local people would become the school's teachers. "Our goal was accomplished. Today, all the teachers in Escuela San Bernardino are native Guatemalans."

Sister Jean Marie served twice in Honduras, as a helper at a home for street boys and orphans, and as a minister to women as they made cement blocks for washing sinks and outdoor bathrooms. Now she works with lung transplant

patients, spending time with families and supporting them.

For both, their time in Central America shaped the rest of their ministries. Sister Anna Louise ministered to the Hispanic community in Winona, Minnesota, for 10 years after returning, and later taught English to adult immigrants. Sister Jean Marie's experience took her on a unique path as a cab driver and a bus driver. She continues her mission with the patients waiting for a life-saving organ transplant.

These Jubilarians are just two examples of the amazing work School Sisters of Notre Dame are doing in their years of service. Read all Jubilarian profiles at www.ssndcp.org/nl/jubilee. ■

Celebrating 60 Years Sister Anna Louise Kemen



"I remember well one evening in Rio Bravo, Guatemala, when as part of my ministry, I was privileged to bless the marriage of a very poor, old couple. When the time for exchanging rings arrived, the man looked longingly at the ring on my finger. He said, 'Yes,' when I asked him if he

would like to give it to his wife. She came to say goodbye (when I left), removed the ring from her finger, gave it to me and said, 'I want to give it back to you and when you wear it think of your friend who wore your ring as my wedding ring for many years.'"

Celebrating 50 Years Sister Jean Marie Grefenkamp



"The beauty of all my experiences and memories can be seen in all of the beautiful people I have been privileged to share life with. From the students and families living in poverty and brokenness and their faithfulness to education to kids living in orphanages giving and needing love, this

world is full of hope. I received a deeper faith from all these people who touched me more than they can ever imagine. My current ministry with people and their families waiting for lung transplants is filled with miracles and love every day. The waiting is a true test of faith and love. The gratitude for a donor and their family is overwhelming."

Sisters celebrate service to God

25 YEARS

Beatriz Martinez-Garcia

50 YEARS

Mary Kay Ash
Sandy Bay
Mary Susan Berg
Susan Biegert
Gail Buckman
Joan DiProspere
Irene Dohmen
María Elena Ferrer-López
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Judith Schroeder
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60 YEARS

Maxine Bauer
Mary Jacqueline Buckley

Margaret Buresh
Gemma Marie Dittle
Alice Mary Druffel
Kathleen Eggering
Maryann Greenwald
Pat Hall
Adele Marie Hofschulte
Rita Jirik
Anna Louise Kemen
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Marie DeLourdes Larente
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Maureen Therese Mueller
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Kathy Van Hulst
Lucy Vehige
Mary Delbert Weisensel
Mary Jo Welter
Marie Williams
Marilyn Wussler

Guadalupe Zozaya
Pauline Zweber

70 YEARS

DeMontfort Berchtold
Carine Dirkers
Therese Even
Mary Noel Ewald
Mary Briant Foley
M. Berenice Hartke
Judith Marie Jung
Joan Emily Kaul
Alene Kuhn
Mary Niva Langreck
Karen Lay
Philip Marie Link
Sharon Rempe
M. Luella Zollar

75 YEARS

Rita Garity
Mary Ernest Gibson
Lucille Heidenreich
Janice Koziolk
Elizabeth Nabholz
Mary Leonelle Schiferl
Lorenzo Schuster

80 YEARS

M. Joleen Huelsmann
Marlena Janis
Frances Therese Jungwirth
Joselia Kleinpeter
Mary Louis Pihaly
Mary Carolyn Stahl

View Jubilarian profiles at www.ssndcp.org/nl/jubilee, where you can learn more about celebrants, send an ecard greeting or make a donation to the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Sister Spotlight

Sister Beatriz profoundly affected by SSND mission

By Mary Conarchy, Communications



Sister Beatriz Martinez-Garcia, right, in Dallas with Sisters Jean Marie Smith, far left, and Mary Delbert Weisensel.

Photo by Wendy Hinojosa

Beatriz Eugenia Martinez-Garcia and a twin sister were born to Juanita and Jose in Guadalajara, Mexico. Sadly, her twin Nora Hilda died when she was 3 months old, but she was blessed by her large family of seven brothers and four sisters.

Though Beatriz did not attend Catholic school, her parents were religious and shared the stories of Jesus with their children. Every day, the children witnessed their mother in prayer and saw her devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Beatriz was a teenager when her family moved to Cadereyta, Mexico. It was a small town and there was not much for a young person to do there. A friend invited Beatriz to attend a youth retreat. Beatriz remembered, “I became deeply aware of God’s presence in my life.”

In addition to the witness of the pastor, the young people in that Catholic parish were loving examples through their words and actions. Beatriz felt welcomed.

After discerning that God was calling her to religious life, Beatriz was accepted by the Community of the Misioneras Catequistas de los Pobres in Monterrey, Mexico, and she professed vows in 1991.

She was sent to catechize in Dallas. While there, she met School Sisters of Notre Dame who were at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School.

After learning about Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, the SSND foundress, and reading “You Are Sent,” the Constitution and General Directory of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, she was profoundly touched by the mission and message.

In 1999, Sister Beatriz began the process to transfer to SSND. From 2000 to 2002, she lived and studied at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, where she earned a master’s degree in pastoral ministry.

Her vows as a School Sister of Notre Dame were pronounced in 2003 at St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa, Mississippi. Sister Beatriz recalled, “my family was

unable to attend, but as part of the ceremony, the names of my parents and siblings were read aloud and a rebozo (shawl) from Mexico was placed on my shoulders to symbolize their loving presence.”

“I became deeply aware of God’s presence in my life.”

– Beatriz Martinez-Garcia

Her catechetical ministry has called her to serve Latino communities in Minnesota, Arizona and Texas. Currently, Sister Beatriz ministers as the associate director of religious education in the Department of Catechetical Services in the Diocese of Dallas.

“Our call in baptism challenges us to give and receive. Each of us is a companion as we accompany each other on our mutual life journeys. I am blessed as a minister and assist people to reflect and recognize their gifts and talents – to reach their full potential – in God’s love.” ■

Sisters and Associates

Transforming the world through education



Anne Cramer, Associates area co-coordinator of Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, was ordained a deacon of

the University Baptist Church in Baton Rouge on March 6, 2016. She also was a part of the Kairos Prison Ministry team that offered a weekend retreat for 30 women at the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (LCIW) April 28 - May 1, 2016. The purpose of the retreat was to build small prayer and share groups within the prison to support the women.



Sister Michelle Emmerich, principal of Notre Dame High School of St. Louis, was honored for her service at the

Lemay Chamber Outstanding Educator Awards Dinner in St. Louis on April 6, 2016. County councilman Kevin O'Leary presented her with a proclamation from him and a resolution from state representatives Bob Burns and Cloria Brown. Sister Michelle retired at the end of the school year.



Sister Suzanne Moynihan was honored by the Great Waters Group of the John Muir Chapter of

the Sierra Club in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. She received an Environmental Hero of 2015 award on Dec. 13, 2015. The award recognizes Sister Suzanne's environmental efforts as a member of the chapter and her volunteer time and activities with other environmental and community organizations.



Sister Jeanette Feldott received the Golden Apple Award from WGEM TV in Quincy, Illinois, Jan. 27, 2016,

after a former student nominated her for teaching excellence. Principal Mark McDowell told WGEM, "For someone to not only have the knowledge, but to have the patience, that combination is rare."



Sister Daniel Marie Kukowski was honored in January 2016 for her 24 years as a first grade teacher at St. Felix Catholic

School in Wabasha, Minnesota, and her total of 52 years of teaching. In announcing the award, Thomas W. Brunford, Interim President of the National Catholic Education Association said of his time working with her, "Danny was just a fun person with great relational skills."



Sister Cathy Bertrand was awarded second place for "Best Essay Originating with a Magazine or Newsletter:

Religious Order Magazine" from the Catholic Press Association June 3, 2016. Her essay, "God does more than we can ask or imagine," appeared in the Winter 2015 issue of Horizon, Journal of the National Religious Vocation Conference.

Around the Province



Ceol Cairde performed at the Wine & Chocolate Soiree at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Wisconsin.

Photo by Mary Conarchy

More than 600 people delighted in the **Wine & Chocolate Soirees** held at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Wisconsin, and Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis, in April, and Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato, Minnesota, in May.

- In Elm Grove, traditional Irish music was provided by the members of Ceol Cairde.
- Audience favorite The Erin Bode Group returned to entertain guests at St. Louis.
- In Mankato, harpist Serena O'Meara provided music with a traditional Irish lilt. Jack McGowan also performed magic.

Each year, the **Women's Leadership Luncheons** in Dallas, Sancta Maria in Ripa, Notre Dame of Elm Grove and Our Lady of Good Counsel have grown, thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and attendees. More than 750 people attended inspirational presentations by women who reflected on the integration of the spiritual and professional dimensions of life.



The Erin Bode Group performed at Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis.

Photo by Chris Caldwell

of products and services," said Resource Development Director Leah Pockrandt.

"Events such as these are not possible without the generosity of our many donors and sponsors. Through your support we are able to continue the ministries of our sisters and provide for their care in retirement," she said.

Speakers this year were:

- Kris Kramer, executive director of Catholic Pro-Life Committee of North Texas, in Dallas;
- Rhonda M. Ware, founder and president of UR Aware, LLC in Elm Grove;
- Anne-Marie Clarke, family court commissioner and alumna of Rosati-Kain High School, in St. Louis;
- Dr. Julie H. Sullivan, first layperson and woman to serve as president of the University of St. Thomas, in St. Paul.

"We are so grateful to each of you who supported these events by your attendance, through sponsorships or by gifts



Sheila Schumacher, Sara Fedje, Sara Ackmann and Sister Bridget Waldorf, left to right, played in the Golf Tournament and Card Party in Minnesota June 28.

Photo by Mike Lagerquist

To see more photos from these and other events, visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ssnd.centralpacific.

Watch our website for next year's events: www.ssndcentralpacific.org/events. ■

Leaving a Legacy

“In this broken, divided world, we are blessed to have such selfless, loving women religious among us to remind us that, yes, there is a better way and, yes, there is hope.”

– Donor Robert H. Mace, Jr.



Sister Gladys Marie Courtade, a teacher at Notre Dame Middle School in Milwaukee, helps students meet their full potential.

Photo by Mary Conarchy

By Leah Pockrandt, Resource Development Director

As we journey through life, we all are impacted by the people we encounter along the way. These influences affect the legacy we leave on the world around us.

When Robert H. Mace, Jr. first connected with School Sisters of Notre Dame as a boy in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, little did he know the impact it would have on his life and the way he would be able to give back later. “I lived most of my life in the Milwaukee area where there were many SSNDs in ministries,” Robert said. “Many of my friends were taught by School Sisters of Notre Dame at Notre Dame High School, Mount Mary University and other schools.”

As a donor for many years, Robert chose to make a lasting gift in 2011 when he named SSND as a beneficiary on an insurance policy. Robert notified SSND of his estate gift and became a member of the Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger Society. This society was established to honor those who have made a strong commitment to SSND through a legacy or estate gift.

Donors may make an estate-related gift in many ways. They may make a bequest to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province in your will, name us as owner or beneficiary of an insurance policy, an IRA or retirement plan, or provide for SSND in a charitable trust.

For Robert, who now lives in Seffner, Florida, making an estate gift is his way of thanking the sisters for all that they do. “I knew several SSNDs in pastoral ministries, and have been blessed by Sister Dorothy Cherrier’s steadfast faithfulness in remembering me on my birthday, at Christmas, and other occasions. She is a wonderful example of the SSND charism of compassionate service and caring presence, which means so much to so many,” Robert said. “In this broken, divided world, we are blessed to have such selfless, loving women religious among us to remind us that, yes, there is a better way and, yes, there is hope. They deserve our love and support.”

Including School Sisters of Notre Dame in your estate

plans ensures that your impact will reach beyond your lifetime. Your gift will help us continue our educational ministries – enabling others to reach the fullness of their potential.

We invite you to join Robert and others by becoming a member of the Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger Society. “Including the School Sisters of Notre Dame in your estate planning vehicles is a way of doing good, sustaining the noble works and ministries of the sisters, and preserving their charism and legacy well into the future,” Robert said. “Plus, it feels good to do good!”

If you have provided for the School Sisters of Notre Dame in your estate plans or if you would like additional information about making an estate gift, please contact Leah Pockrandt, Resource Development director, at 507-389-4212 or lpockrandt@ssndcp.org.

We thank you for all the ways you support the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Your financial contributions, prayers, interest and encouragement are greatly appreciated. ■



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



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Love Cannot Wait, Directional Statement of the 23rd General Chapter, 2012

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■ Masses of Appreciation

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota

• SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Notre Dame of Elm Grove, Wisconsin

• SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis, Missouri

• SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

■ 41st Annual Craft Fair & Garage Sale

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mankato, Minnesota

• OCTOBER 8, 2016

■ Holiday Open House

Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis, Missouri

• JANUARY 7 & 8, 2017



Sister Ruth Emke, right, enjoys the Ice Cream Social at Sancta Maria in Ripa with Sisters of Lovers of the Cross, left to right, Sisters Nga and Hong.

Photo by Lauren Huffman