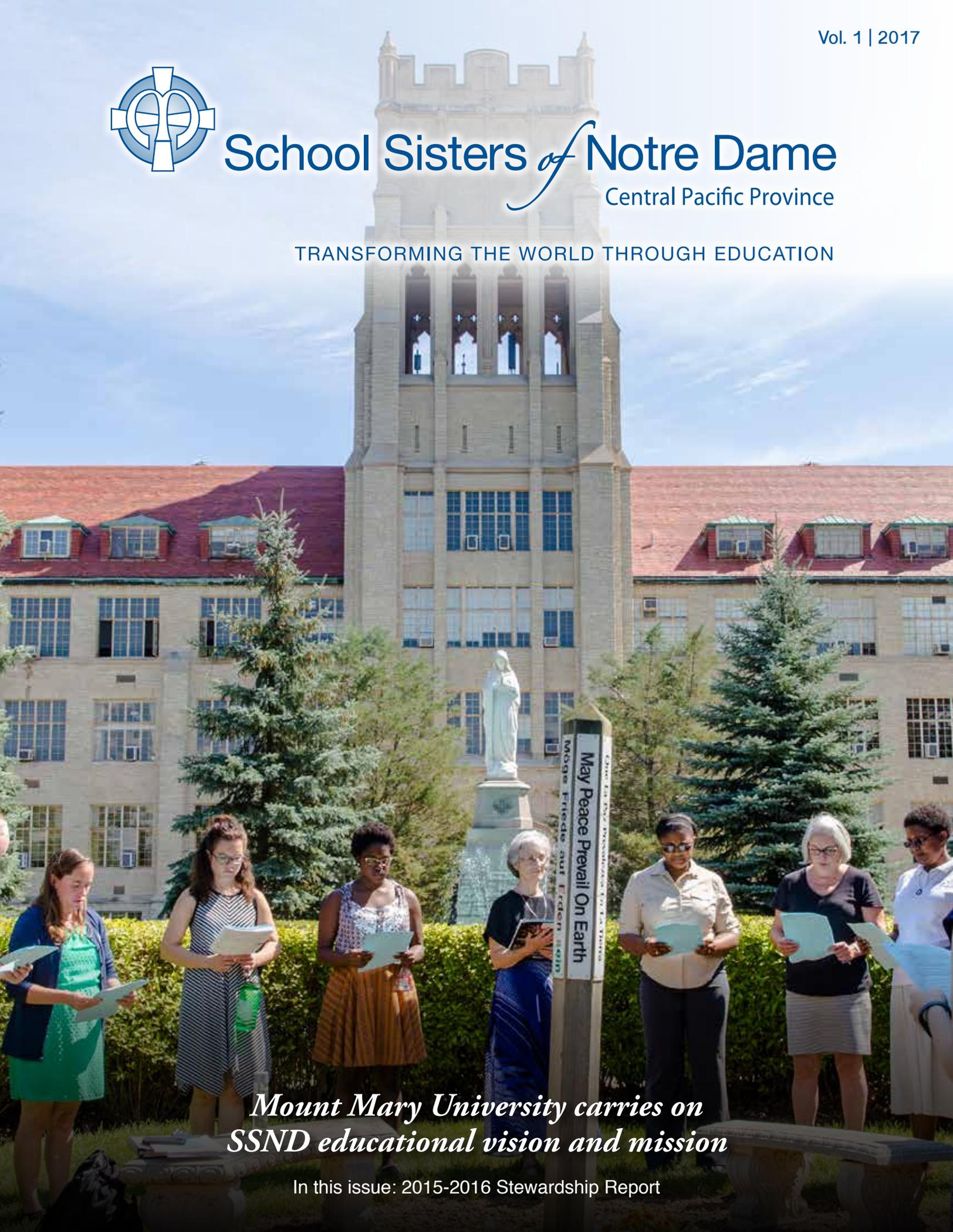




# School Sisters of Notre Dame

Central Pacific Province

TRANSFORMING THE WORLD THROUGH EDUCATION



*Mount Mary University carries on  
SSND educational vision and mission*

In this issue: 2015-2016 Stewardship Report



## Sister Mary Anne Owens, SSND

*“What matters is that in all you serve God not as much as you want but as much as is possible for you.”*

– Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger  
Letter 2 | Sept. 30, 1823

Dear Donors and Friends,

The holidays are over, the decorations put away, a few pounds added and a new year is before us with so many possibilities. It may be the middle of winter, but we anticipate the blessings of the year and spring just around the corner.

As we look to the future, we would be remiss if we didn't look back and remember all those who had an impact on our lives. In this issue, we share the names of all the sisters who have gone to their eternal reward over the last year and honor them for their lifelong service.

We also recognize your service. Without you, we could not continue to live the mission identified by Blessed Theresa more than 183 years ago, which is ever-evolving today. Our annual

Stewardship Report shows how your time, talent and treasures help us meet ongoing and emerging needs.

Our feature story is about education – how it is changing every day, and how the School Sisters are leaders in that change. As you read about Mount Mary University, you will see how they are making the world a better place through education.

Educational opportunities are often found in traditional classroom settings, but today we need to offer educational opportunities wherever we can, including nontraditional settings such as a recreational vehicle that once traveled from site to site. Sister Kathleen Koenen's tutoring program is featured in the Sister Spotlight.

When we think about transforming the world, sometimes it's our own little corner of the world. Other times it's the larger world. In the Donor Spotlight, you'll meet the Paschkes who have humbly figured out how to do both through their generosity.

Finally, you'll catch up on the happenings of sisters and associates and get a peek at many of the events we have planned for this year.

On behalf of all the sisters, I thank you for your support. We look forward to partnering with you this year. We will continue to pray for you and ask that you keep us in your prayers. ●

### ON THE COVER:

*Sister Joan Penzenstadler (just to the left of the peace pole) leads a prayer service at the peace pole at Mount Mary University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.*

*Mount Mary University Photo by Kou Vang*

## School Sisters of Notre Dame

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## Sister Kathleen Koenen fulfilling an unmet need with English Tutoring Project

By Lauren Huffman, Communications

Fulfilling unmet needs has always been central to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and Sister Kathleen Koenen, SSND, the administrator for the English Tutoring Project (ETP) in St. Louis, does just that.

Established in 1998 through the collaboration of 17 congregations of women religious to meet an unmet and urgent need, ETP provides on-site English language tutoring to children from immigrant and refugee families. Sister Kathleen has served in this ministry since 2014.

“When students have a better command of the English language, they have a greater chance of graduating from high school and attending a university or technical school,” said Sister Kathleen. “Giving them English language skills opens doors and begins to break the circle of poverty among immigrant populations.”

Sister Kathleen coordinates the program, and sisters who have “retired” from formal classroom teaching tutor at seven Catholic elementary and middle schools in the St. Louis area. Currently four other SSNDs work with students, either as teachers or volunteers.

The tutors work in small groups or one-on-one with kindergarten through eighth grade students in designated classrooms set aside by the schools. These classrooms are a huge

improvement from the early days of ETP, when sisters drove from school to school in a donated RV, tutoring students in the vehicle and storing books in its oven.

The students Sister Kathleen and ETP serve are quite diverse. The majority of students are from Hispanic descent, but others come from Asia or Africa. In a survey conducted by the ETP for the 2015-16 school year, their 156 students speak 22 different languages and represent 20 different countries of origin.

Sister Kathleen and the tutors do not judge student success solely on a student’s reading, writing and speaking abilities. Socialization with their peers, communication with their teachers and willingness to participate in extracurricular activities also are important.

ETP helps students’ families, as well. Sister Kathleen explained that it is critical to respect the children’s culture, and tutors have discovered dual-language books that allow students to practice their English at home while allowing their parents to assist them.

One student, Lam, worked with ETP tutors for three years. After assessing that she was at a native English proficiency, she transitioned out of the program. She then entered a 7th grade poetry contest and won first place in her school. The poetry

contest organizers published her poem in their annual anthology. For Sister Kathleen and sisters from the 17 congregations working in this program, successes like Lam’s make their job worth doing.

“We feel called because we have always felt called to serve international groups,” Sister Kathleen explained. “Even though where the immigrant originates from changes, the need is still the same.” ●



Sister Kathleen Koenen, administrator for the English Tutoring Project, reads “Little Night” to kindergarten students at St. Francis Cabrini Academy in south St. Louis. Find out more: [www.english tutoringproject.com](http://www.english tutoringproject.com).



## Appreciation for God's blessings inspires couple's giving

By Trudy Hamilton, Communications

Dean Paschke says that after three decades of farming in southern Minnesota, he and his wife Fern looked around their ever-growing farm and “knew the man upstairs had plans for us.” That realization culminated in a legacy gift to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province that supports ministries and sisters in retirement.

But their philanthropy started long before then.

The Paschkes came from humble beginnings in western Minnesota. Dean's father was a farmer. Fern's father was a barber. Dean describes his father by saying, “Dad was a tough guy with a soft heart.”

He said both his and Fern's parents were givers. “They didn't have many resources, but they shared what they had with their neighbors. It's all about how you're brought up.”

Many also would describe Dean as a “tough guy with a soft heart,” just like his father. He and Fern describe themselves first as parents, then as grandparents and, finally, as farmers. They proudly talk about their two adopted daughters and their eight grandchildren ranging in age from 14-30 years of age. They talk about working on their farm and growing it over the years.

They share stories about working side-by-side with migrant workers

throughout the years and their respect for them. Their relationships with migrant workers fuels their interest in supporting the sisters' Border Ministry in Douglas, Arizona. *(See sidebar on next page.)*

Fern was taught by School Sisters of Notre Dame in grade school. The Paschkes graduated high school and completed one year of post-high school technical training. Fern started nursing, and Dean was a barber. After 15 years, Dean started farming. Eventually both decided to concentrate on the farm, and Fern left her nursing career. They didn't start with much, but what they had was enough.

The Paschkes talk about “having enough.” They work hard, take care of their family and manage their farm. They recognize and appreciate all the many blessings in their lives. “We have a responsibility to do our best with what we are given,” said Dean. “We put our lives in the hands of God.”

“Y'know,” Dean said as he reflected on the lessons he was taught about helping others as a child, “the older you get, the more you go back to your childhood.”

Once the farm was doing well, the Paschkes started donating beef raised on the farm to those who needed it in the community. They talked to School Sisters of Notre Dame about storing the donated



Dean and Fern Paschke

— Photo by S. Mary Kay Ash

*“We pray for the sisters, and they pray for us. It helps every day.”*

– Dean Paschke

meat in the freezer at Our Lady of Good Council in Mankato, Minnesota. Their relationship with the sisters began to grow.

Recipients of the donated beef often included families of migrant farm workers in the area. The Paschkes started working with a local church to sponsor a fundraising dinner to meet local needs of those who are poor. They met Sister Carmen Burg, SSND (d: 2007), and their relationship with the community continued to blossom.

The sisters and the Paschkes share passions of caring for the earth, education, and supporting refugees and immigrants. They also share a strong faith in God. “We pray for the sisters, and they pray for us. It helps every day,” said Dean.

As time passed, “we felt like we could do more,” Dean said. “We were given so much. It’s what we were put here to do.” The family decided to set aside part of their farm for the benefit of School Sisters of Notre Dame. Monthly rental income from the land goes to the sisters. Eighty percent of the monthly income supports ministries, such as the Border Ministry, and 20 percent supports sisters in retirement. “There are needs all over,” said Dean. “We leave the dispensing decisions to the sisters.”

Sisters, the Paschkes and financial advisors met, and a farm transfer was made. In addition, a life

insurance policy was purchased to provide their daughters a share of the estate. “You can’t take it with you,” said Dean. “This way the sisters are assured of funding.”

The Paschkes also support other mission-focused organizations, locally and internationally. About five years ago, they worked with a local priest to help build a girls’ dormitory at a school in Tanzania, Africa. “We wanted to help protect and educate girls,” said Dean.

Fern and Dean are hesitant to talk about their current and future giving. “We’ve taken care of our family, and we’ve provided for our children. We don’t talk about it much. It’s not a big issue. In fact, I can’t recall the last time we discussed it.”

When asked what they might say to other donors, Dean said, “We are private people, and we respect others’ privacy. Some people have more than we do; some people have less. Everyone should do what they can. I don’t feel like we are doing anything exceptional.” ●

## The Paschkes support SSND Border Ministry

The School Sisters of Notre Dame Border Ministry, which the Paschkes support, is located in the southeast corner of Arizona circled by mountains, with a desert climate. The cities of Douglas, Arizona, in the U.S. and Agua Prieta, Sonora, in Mexico form a blended bi-national, bi-cultural community. School Sisters of Notre Dame partner with agencies concerned with migrants. Together, they work to transform the immigration system.



The ministry work includes a migrant humanitarian aid center, a migrant shelter with carpentry training, a clinic for special needs children and families, and a women’s sewing and garden cooperative. Sisters are also involved in carrying water into the desert along migrant trails, “planting” memorial crosses in the desert for deceased migrants and participating in Healing our Border weekly vigils for healing borders.

“We are truly grateful to the Paschkes,” said Sister Lucy Nigh, SSND. “Through their support, they share in our ministry and presence, touching lives in our bi-national world.” ●



## Mount Mary University carries on SSND educational vision, mission

689 School Sisters of Notre Dame have served Mount Mary

By Mary Conarchy, Communications

A love of learning and belief in the power of education to transform lives were at the heart of Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger's call to found the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1833. The conflicts and wars that caused the closure of schools and left so many people impoverished deeply touched Theresa. She recognized the key role of mothers as the first teachers of their children. By offering educational opportunities to girls, families and society would benefit.

Within just 14 years of the congregation's establishment and the growth of its educational missions in Europe, Mother Theresa received a request to send sisters to teach in America. She appointed Sister Caroline Friess to lead the expansion in North America.

The origin of Mount Mary University was in 1872 when the School Sisters of Notre Dame founded St. Mary's Institute on the bluffs of the Mississippi River in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. The institute was renamed St. Mary's Academy in 1897, and in 1913, a college was also established. St. Mary College was the first four-year Catholic college for women in Wisconsin.

A little over a decade later, Archbishop Sebastian Messmer asked the college to move to Milwaukee so that a Catholic college education could be available to more women in the metropolitan area. Renamed Mount Mary College, it was located on an 80-acre campus on the west side of Milwaukee. It opened its doors to 132 students on Sept. 16, 1929.

In just six weeks, the stock market crashed and the Great Depression began. In those lean years, the sisters made many financial sacrifices to pay the bills. They moved out of the residence hall, where they had occupied a wing, to make room for more students who could bring in revenue. Sleeping in their classrooms and offices, the sisters persevered during these difficult times.

### Moral development, intellectual pursuit

Inspired and guided by the education motto of "Virtus et Scientia" — the bond of moral development and intellectual pursuit — SSNDs who served Mount Mary provided a liberal arts foundation to prepare young women for life, both personally and professionally.

The curriculum expanded to offer students both undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Today, Mount Mary has a student body of nearly 1,400, with a faculty-to-student ratio of 1:10. The undergraduate programs are open to women only but the graduate programs are coed.

In addition to more than 30 undergraduate majors that lead to bachelor's degrees, master's degrees are granted in dietetics, art therapy, occupational therapy, education, English, business administration and



*This photograph from the MMU archives was taken during the 1950s. It shows School Sisters of Notre Dame departing from Kostka Hall where they likely attended a summertime seminar or retreat conference.*

counseling. In 2011, a professional doctorate in art therapy, the first of its kind in the United States, was begun. A second doctorate in occupational therapy was initiated in 2014.

With the expansion of graduate programs, the Board of Trustees recommended study and discussion about the possibility of changing the name from college to university. The process engaged faculty, staff, students, sisters and alumnae for their input. Board members approved the name change to Mount Mary University (MMU) in February 2012, with implementation occurring in July 2013, in time for the centennial celebration.

At the heart of Mount Mary University's success has been its focus on serving educational needs of students while responding to societal challenges. Over the past several decades, innovative programs were developed to enable a more diverse learning community at MMU.

The Women's Leadership Institute was launched in 1998 to provide support for aspiring leaders. The institute continues to help students develop their strengths and realize their purpose with programs reflecting MMU's core values of competence, community, compassion and commitment.

In 2004, the Midtown Program (now called the Grace Scholars Program) was established to make higher education accessible to young women in Milwaukee's central city. Currently, 30 Grace Scholars are selected each year for their leadership skills and financial need. They receive 85 percent of tuition for four years, as well as academic and personal support to pursue their goals.

The Promise Program, a federally funded program, was begun to provide first-generation, low-income college students with academic support and financial support in the form of federal grants. These grants would help them remain in good academic standing, persevere in college and graduate with a baccalaureate degree.

A Student Success Center in the Haggerty Library was initiated to give students access to free academic counseling, advising and career development, tutoring and accessibility services at one location.

### Interesting facts about MMU

The student body increased its diversity from 12 percent in 1980 to 49 percent in 2016. Mount Mary consistently ranks as one of the most diverse in the Midwest region. Young women from many races, ethnicities, cultures, socioeconomic backgrounds and religious affiliations are represented on campus.

Some interesting statistics about MMU students:

- 100 percent of full-time undergrads receive a scholarship or reduced tuition.
- Nearly 20 percent of undergraduate students study abroad (compared to approximately 9 percent nationally).
- 95 percent of graduates work in seven counties of southeast Wisconsin and 60 percent work in Milwaukee.

Besides the 10 SSNDs who serve at Mount Mary University, there are student-sisters who live in the SSND International House of Studies, located on the campus. Currently,



Members of SSND's International Community at MMU are (from left): Sisters Patricia Rass, Comfort Anum and Zipporah Marigwa

– Photo by Mary Conarchy

Sisters Zipporah Marigwa and Comfort Anum, from the Province of Africa, receive free tuition so that they can complete their undergraduate degrees in education.

The environment for teaching and learning at MMU emphasizes the development of the whole person and fosters the desire to bring unity in a divided world.

In a recent issue of *Mount Mary Magazine*, Sister Joan Penzenstadler, SSND, MMU's vice president for mission and identity, reflected: "As we look to the future, the SSND tradition of leadership continues to be sparked by a hope that what we undertake is, indeed, giving rise to the future we envision."

Reflections from some sisters who taught at Mount Mary were recorded on a seven-minute video prepared in honor of the centennial. View the video at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBymekekAXg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MBymekekAXg).

Find out more: [www.mtmary.edu](http://www.mtmary.edu). ●



# School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province

By Sister Marion Welter, SSND, Interim Resource Development Director

*“If the dear God wants to call something into life, He also always gives the means for that to happen.”*  
– Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger, Letter 778, April 3, 1849

To risk everything because of a deep faith in God and others is a gift given to blessed people. For them, a decisive moment occurs when God’s will becomes clear. From that time forward, they dare everything because of their absolute trust in the One who calls them.

Blessed Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger, foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, was such a person. From the moment God’s will was clear to her, she trusted totally, dared all, risked everything. She called others to do the same, because she was convinced that in unity, there was strength.

We are also called to trust God and one another. To dare all to follow God’s path. For many, that means supporting the SSNDs in their mission. For more than 183 years, your generosity has allowed the SSNDs to respond to great needs with the same love and mercy of Jesus.

Because of you, when someone turns to the School Sisters of Notre Dame in a time of need, we are able to respond with Christ-like love and unity. These ministries are often underfunded and undercompensated ministries. Many of our sisters are involved in such ministries, including:

- Sister Jean Ersfeld, who teaches English to immigrants at the MORE program in St. Paul, Minnesota

- Sister Nancy McNemar, who runs the St. Andrews Thrift Store in McComb, Mississippi
- Sister Virginia Grumich, who volunteers at the International Institute in St. Louis
- Sister Mary Brian Bole, who serves as a literacy teacher, college counselor and child advocate in Dallas
- Sister Jacque Buckley, who feeds the homeless daily lunch at SS. Peter and Paul convent in Milwaukee

Your decision to support the School Sisters of Notre Dame with your time, talent and treasure demonstrates so powerfully how God works through you to provide for our needs and the needs of those we faithfully serve.

This Stewardship Report reflects funds received and distributed during fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Contributions to the Retirement Fund support immediate and long-term needs of retired sisters as they continue to serve in prayer and presence. Gifts to the Unrestricted Fund support operating expenses, including uncompensated and undercompensated ministries, daily expenses and other needs.

If you have any questions regarding this report or if you would like to discuss ways to support the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province, please contact Dana Russart, chief financial officer, at [drussart@ssndcp.org](mailto:drussart@ssndcp.org) or 262-787-1005. ●

## GIFTS RECEIVED

Grants	1.01%	\$36,905
Restricted	4.53%	\$165,397
Retirement	13.16%	\$480,844
Unrestricted	40.54%	\$1,481,254
Bequests	40.76%	\$1,489,383
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,653,783</b>

## GIFT DESIGNATION

Associates	2.70%	\$98,556
Global Justice and Peace	4.64%	\$169,429
Sisters’ Formation and Education	7.19%	\$262,808
Pastoral Care	14.95%	\$546,343
Undercompensated Ministries	21.14%	\$772,500
Retirement	49.38%	\$1,804,147
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,653,783</b>

## Masses of Appreciation

Three Masses of Appreciation and brunches were hosted by the School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province in September. Each year, donor gatherings are planned by the province's Resource Development staff to thank donors for their generosity and for being our partners in ministry.

The 2016 celebrations were held at:

- Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato, Minnesota, on Sept. 11
- Notre Dame of Elm Grove in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, on Sept. 18
- Sancta Maria in Ripa in St. Louis on Sept. 25

A fourth Mass of Appreciation and lunch was planned for Aug. 20 at St. Mary of the Pines in Chatawa, Mississippi, but due to the flooding in Louisiana and Mississippi, the celebration had to be cancelled. It was rescheduled and held on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, at St. Mary of the Pines.

View more photos from the Masses of Appreciation in a photo album on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ssnd.centralpacific](http://www.facebook.com/ssnd.centralpacific). ●



*At the Notre Dame of Elm Grove Mass of Appreciation, Sister Marie Estelle Kuczynski, 60-year Jubilarian, carried the processional cross, while SSND friends and donors, James and Teresa Wick, carried candles for the entrance procession.*  
- Photo by Mary Conarchy



*Standing at Our Lady of Good Counsel chapel doors prior to the Mass of Appreciation are Sister Rose Marie Krebs, the presiding priest Father Eugene Stenzel, Sister Mary Anne Owens and Sister Mary Jo Welter.*  
- Photo by S. Mary Kay Gosch



*At Sancta Maria in Ripa, Sister Sandy Bay, a 50-year Jubilarian, prays with donors at brunch following the Mass of Appreciation.*  
- Photo by Lauren Huffman



**Sister Joan Van Beek** was honored as Religious of the Year by the Knights of Columbus in the Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio. Sister Joan directs the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Coolville, Ohio, and assists 13 SSND associates and several people who are interested in becoming SSND associates. She is active in parish life, offers spiritual direction and gives retreats in neighboring parishes.

**Sister Grace Mueller** was honored by the Southern Illinois Association of Priests (SIAP) with the Ichthus award. She received the award for her work as the parish life coordinator for St. Luke Parish in Belleville, Illinois.



**Sister Carleen Reck** received the Missouri Department of Corrections Director's Coin of Excellence for her service to former prisoners and the St. Louis community. In July, Sister Carleen retired after 17 years as executive director of the Criminal Justice Ministry in St. Louis.

**Sister Paul Therese Saiko** received the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award from the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity at the annual gathering of the James J. and Mary Mehegan Hill Society.



**Sister Paulette Tiefenbrunn** has been named an American Graduate Champion by WLAE-TV, New Orleans Public Television. She was recognized for her work with special needs students as a former principal and teacher at Holy Rosary Academy and High School in New Orleans.

**The Mat Makers Group at The Sarah Community** received the 2016 Mercy Award from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The sisters and residents who received the award make sleeping mats for the homeless out of plastic bags cut into strips and then crocheted into mats.

**School Sisters of Notre Dame** as a congregation were honored for their 90-year service to Messmer High School in Milwaukee. The sisters received the Cornerstone Award for their roles as teachers and administrators. More than 300 SSNDs have served there.

**School Sisters of Notre Dame** as a congregation were inducted into the Dickinson Catholic Schools Hall of Fame. More than 100 SSNDs have served Dickinson Catholic Schools – three parish schools and Trinity High School – in North Dakota.

*“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

**Charleen Barta**  
*Bridgeton, Missouri*  
**Ruth Hollenbach**  
*Bridgeton, Missouri*  
**Ann Joseph Conradt**  
*Bridgeton, Missouri*

## February

**Carmen Madigan**  
*Mankato, Minnesota*  
**Phyllis Kernz**  
*Greenfield, Wisconsin*  
**Dolores Schmitz**  
*Mankato, Minnesota*

## March

**Mary Raynalda Szyszka**  
*Elm Grove, Wisconsin*  
**Dolores Marie Jehl**  
*Greenfield, Wisconsin*  
**Mary Carolyn Stahl**  
*Elm Grove, Wisconsin*  
**M. Joselia Kleinpeter**  
*Chatawa, Mississippi*  
**Thomasin Sergot**  
*St. Paul, Minnesota*  
**Diane Marie Ruplinger-Zoeller**  
*Greenfield, Wisconsin*  
**Mary Angela Ito**  
*Kyoto, Japan*  
**Mary Joel Robin**  
*Greenfield, Wisconsin*

## April

**Mary Briant Foley**  
*Elm Grove, Wisconsin*  
**Elizabeth (Liz) Lakin**  
*Bridgeton, Missouri*  
**Mary Anthony Clare Rebarchik**  
*Elm Grove, Wisconsin*  
**Virginia Orth**  
*St. Louis, Missouri*

## May

**Marian Blong**  
*Elm Grove, Wisconsin*  
**Marie de Lourdes Unterreiner**  
*Bridgeton, Missouri*  
**Mary Virgene Pable**  
*Elm Grove, Wisconsin*

## June

**Audrey Mae Kihnemann**  
*Chatawa, Mississippi*

## July

**Christyn Willems**  
*Elm Grove, Wisconsin*  
**Irene Komor**  
*Mankato, Minnesota*

## August

**M. Eva Manney**  
*Mankato, Minnesota*  
**Mary DePaul Olszewski**  
*Greenfield, Wisconsin*  
**Paul Marie Duck**  
*Chatawa, Mississippi*

## Willene Grossaint

*Elm Grove, Wisconsin*

## Kathleen Izer

*Mankato, Minnesota*

## M. Cabrini Bongiovanni

*Mankato, Minnesota*

## Joanna Illg

*Mankato, Minnesota*

## September

**Rose Ann Boyle**  
*Bridgeton, Missouri*

## October

**Mary Joleen Huelsmann**  
*Bridgeton, Missouri*  
**M. Salesia Muckensturm**  
*Bridgeton, Missouri*  
**Ruth Saddler**  
*Bridgeton, Missouri*

## November

**Mary Ancele Gloudeman**  
*Greenfield, Wisconsin*

## December

**Sheila McCall**  
*Mankato, Minnesota*  
**Mary Catherine Jarema**  
*Elm Grove, Wisconsin*  
**Paula Young**  
*Mankato, Minnesota*  
**Sister Elaine Fraher**  
*Mankato, Minnesota*  
**Carol Schmitz**  
*Greenfield, Wisconsin*

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

## • Women's Leadership Luncheons

**Thursday, March 2, 11:30 a.m.**

Notre Dame of Elm Grove  
13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, Wisconsin  
Presentation by Cecelia Gore, Executive Director of the  
Brewers Community Foundation, Inc.

**Tuesday, March 14, 11:30 a.m.**

Embassy Suites  
3880 W. Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas  
Presentation by Mary Emma Karam, J.D., Partner at  
Jackson Walker L.L.P.

**Thursday, March 23, 11:30 a.m.**

University of St. Thomas  
James B. Woulfe Alumni Hall  
2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota  
Presentation by Sister Katherine (Kate) DuVal, SSND,  
Planning Consultant and Facilitator

**Tuesday, March 28, 11:30 a.m.**

Sancta Maria in Ripa  
336 E. Ripa Ave., St. Louis, Missouri  
Presentation by Donna Heckler, Director of  
Communications for Society of the Sacred Heart, Author  
and National Speaker

## • Wine & Chocolate Soirees

**Saturday, April 22**

Sancta Maria in Ripa  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Featuring Trio Monaco with Gina Otto

**Saturday, May 6**

Notre Dame of Elm Grove  
Elm Grove, Wisconsin

**Saturday, May 20**

Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Mankato, Minnesota

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