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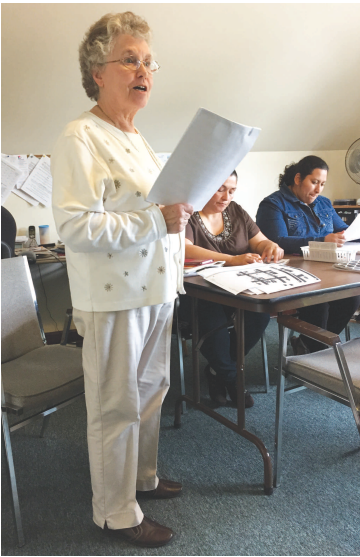
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Annual Appeal 2016-2017

Dear

“Knowing what these women have endured to provide a better life for their families makes me want to make that possible for them.”



Sr. Betty King, CND, has been making better lives possible for 52 years. That’s how long she’s been a Sister. Right now she’s teaching English and life skills to immigrant women at Caroline House, an educational center in Bridgeport, CT. Bridgeport is the largest city in Connecticut and among its poorest. It’s tough for anyone there, much less new immigrants.

But for Sr. Betty her ministry is a win-win. “To know people and develop relationships of trust and caring helps both of us to grow. You get more than you give.” That fits with CND Visitation Spirituality. When Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth in the story told in Luke’s gospel, both women are overjoyed. In any Visitation encounter, each participant is transformed.

Sr. Betty’s pupils come from across the globe: Central and South America, China, Poland, Africa, and Asia. She teaches them everything from how to rent an apartment to how to go to the doctor. She uses bilingual materials to impart the skills the women need to fit into society.

Over her five decades of service, Sr. Betty has taught elementary and junior high school in New York, Connecticut, and Illinois. For 17 years she was principal of Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in Bourbonnais, IL. This school is significant to the CNDs. It was their first mission in the United States. Three Sisters arrived in 1860 and CNDs have been there ever since. Sr. Betty was so beloved by the BVM community they named the school playground for her.

Sr. Betty gets a stipend from Caroline House for her work. ***She’s just one of the CNDs who ministers to the poor and vulnerable and receives only a stipend or no salary at all. The Congregation of Notre Dame must supplement Sr. Betty’s stipend.***



**Won’t you help the Congregation support Sr. Betty so she can continue her powerful ministry?
Please give to our 2016-2017 Annual Appeal.**

Remember, religious orders are not funded by the Vatican or local dioceses. We’re on our own. It’s up to the Congregation of Notre Dame to provide for the needs of our Sisters.

- We rent like anyone else, even on church properties.
- Affordable housing, especially in cities, is hard to find.
- Our elderly and infirm Sisters require medical care and stays in senior and acute care facilities. Medicare and Medicaid do not cover all costs.



Some of us earn salaries, which we share with our Sisters. Some of us get retirement benefits. We all receive Social Security, but in many cases our salaries were so low that Social Security doesn't amount to much.

Social security, retirement benefits, and salaries and stipends contribute to our income. But these do not cover our annual operating expenses. That's why we need you!

Our Annual Appeal helps make up the shortfall in our income. Your gift of \$50, \$100 or more to our Annual Appeal will

- Support Sisters like Sr. Betty who receive little or no compensation as they share Christ's mission with the needy among us.
- Subsidize our elderly and infirm Sisters as they continue to serve God through prayer.

Sr. Betty embodies the charism of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, CND foundress. Educating women and children was the focus of Marguerite's life. Sr. Betty says for her, taking people where they are, whether children or adults, and moving them to the next step is her reward. "Hearing a woman say she was able to go to the doctor for the first time without needing an interpreter is such a gift."

Her students love her.

Sr. Betty is so patient – when you don't understand she repeats and repeats. She knows that learning English is helping students with their lives. -Josefina

Sr. Betty is a beautiful, loving, kind, gentle and understanding person. She's an excellent teacher and an excellent human being. -Idalba

Sr. Betty is a great person and a role model for me. She's very dedicated to us and so generous with her time. She's aware of how necessary it is for us to learn English. I always appreciated how she would start our class with a prayer. -Ingrid

Sr. Betty is always patient and treats us like friends. She teaches us not only English, but to be confident. I was afraid to speak, but Sister Betty reminded us that making mistakes is part of life. Her classes are so pleasant and enjoyable. -Claudia

She loves them back. That's how CNDs work. Please give to our Annual Appeal. Join in this feast of love - because that's what the world needs right now.

In gratitude,

Patricia McCarthy, CND
Province Leader

PS: We realize that \$50 and \$100 are large gifts for some while others can give more. Please know that whatever amount you give is greatly appreciated.



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Yes! I want to partner with the CNDs and support the powerful work of Sr. Betty King. I understand that my Annual Appeal gift will aid all the Sisters, those in active ministry like Sr. Betty, and elderly and infirm CNDs as well.

Please accept my one-time gift of \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 I prefer to give \$_____

Please enroll me in the *Visitation Companions* program with a monthly gift of

\$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 I prefer to give \$_____

PLEASE ACCEPT

My check made payable to the *Congregation of Notre Dame*

My credit card Visa MasterCard

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Credit Card # Exp. Date Cardholder's Name

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Signature Telephone Email

- My/Our gift is in honor/memory of _____.
- I would like my/our gift to remain **anonymous** (your name will not appear in our Honor Roll).
- My/Our Special Intentions are on the back of this form.**

Please return this form in enclosed reply envelope.

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- To provide gifts of securities or a planned gift, please contact our Mission Advancement Office at 203-762-4306.
- For matching gifts, please enclose your company's matching gift form.

Our Annual Appeal runs from July 1st through June 30th every year.

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