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## 2021-2022 ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Friend,

This year is a big one for Sr. Kay Powers, CND. She will celebrate 60 years as a professed Sister. She will turn 80 years old. And she will have ministered in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, OK for 25 years.

Sr. Kay retired in 2019 as the longest-serving school superintendent in the Archdiocese. She had also served as coordinator of the Archdiocese's Safe Environment program. Since her retirement she has volunteered in parishes, with Catholic Charities, and given retreats. But when the Covid-19 pandemic struck, Sr. Kay had to slow down!

Sr. Kay says Covid forced her to be at ease with not being in active ministry. "Maybe God is asking me to spend time with myself and work on my prayer life. Plus, Covid taught me to be more conscious of people who are alone." She and Sr. Betty Kehoe, CND, who also served in the Archdiocese, took to calling elderly members of their parish. In addition, they reached out daily to other CNDs, who were facing a similar, unaccustomed inactivity.

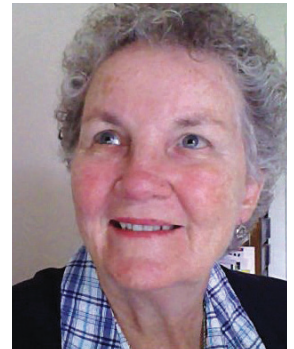
**Your gift of \$50, \$100 or more to our 2021-2022 Annual Appeal will support Sr. Kay and all our retired but still vibrant CNDs. These women wish to remain active and connected to the wider world.**

Sr. Kay was raised in Bronx, NY and attended St. Jean Baptiste High School in Manhattan, where she was taught by CNDs. "The community saw some gift in me I never thought I had – the gift of teaching and the gift of administration." Sr. Kay served in education her entire religious life. She felt called to this ministry, believing it "a powerful way to touch people's lives – not just students, but faculty members, parents, and grandparents."

Sr. Kay began her career in education teaching in CND schools in St. Johnsbury, Vermont; New York City; and Norwalk, Connecticut. She ministered next in the Midwest, becoming a teacher and principal in the Archdiocese of Chicago. She served there for 27 years before accepting a position as school superintendent in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma.

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Srs. Kay Powers and Betty Kehoe, CND (top left)  
with Catholic Charities volunteers



Sr. Kay Powers, CND  
(S. Kathleen Margaret)





Sr. Kay Powers, CND with Archdiocesan Safe Environment Committee

Sr. Kay says developing and supporting school principals was the most important part of her work as a superintendent. “If we have good administrators, we don’t have to worry about having a strong Catholic school system.” She challenged her principals to be spiritual as well as academic leaders.

Sr. Kay’s way of working has always been to reach out to people in kindness and to build their self-esteem. “People need affirmation. It brings out the best in people. No one responds well to negativity – it doesn’t do any of us any good.”

**Your Annual Appeal gift will benefit Sr. Kay and all the CNDs, who have dedicated their lives to serving God’s people.**

“I’ve always been a happy person. I enjoy life, I enjoy religious life, I enjoy the Sisters, I love to laugh. I feel blessed with a sense of humor, that I’m not looking at the negative in life.”

She believes CND foundress St. Marguerite Bourgeoys also enjoyed life and laughter. “You can’t survive being an administrator without a sense of humor, being able to laugh at yourself.”

In retirement, Sr. Kay is not resting on her laurels. Her latest adventure is serving as Chair of the Board of Notre Dame Academy, a CND school in Staten Island, NY.

**Please donate to our Annual Appeal. Remember Sr. Kay and all the CND Sisters, who give tirelessly of themselves and bring much joy and grace to this world.**

With gratitude,

*Mary Anne Foley, CND*

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Province Leader

*PS: I realize \$50 or \$100 may be large gifts for some, while others can give more. Be assured that whatever amount you give is greatly appreciated.*

*PSS: Please list your prayer intentions on the back of the enclosed reply form.*



Sr. Kay Powers with Catholic Charities volunteers

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Sr. Kay Powers, CND  
(S. Kathleen Margaret)

Dear Friend,

Sr. Kay Powers, CND has retired after decades of loving service in Catholic schools around the country. At 80 years old Sr. Kay is still vigorous and energetic. She volunteers in parishes and with a Catholic Charities ministry for homeless women. She also gives retreats and serves as chair of the board of a CND school in Staten Island, NY.

**Like Sr. Kay, all our retired CNDs are eager to keep giving to others. They need you to be just as giving. Please support our Annual Appeal. *Your gift will benefit our retired Sisters and all the CNDs.***

**Yes! I want to support Sr. Kay and all the CNDs.**

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

\$10  \$15  \$25  \$50  \$100  I prefer to give \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this form in the enclosed reply envelope.

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

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