

Mission Advancement Office

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2023 ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Friend,

I'm writing today to ask you to give a gift to help one of our Congrégation de Notre Dame Sisters. She can no longer work full-time, but wishes to continue being of service.

Let me tell you what I mean.

Sr. Marylou Lyons, CND entered the Congrégation de Notre Dame in 1959. She taught history and math in schools across the country. Along the way she learned Spanish, became a Director of Religious Education and served in parish ministry.

But Sr. Marylou still felt her life was missing something. She went back to school and got her nursing degree. She then spent 20 years tending to CND Sisters throughout the United States!

Sr. Marylou has now had to slow down and is recuperating from recent surgeries.



Sr. Marylou Lyons, CND (S. St. Suzanne of the Blessed Sacrament)

Will you support Sr. Marylou with a gift of \$50, \$100 or more to our Annual Appeal? Your gift will help sustain Sr. Marylou and all the CNDs who have dedicated their lives to serving God's people. And with the cost of health care rising, your gift is needed more than ever.

You know, our retired and semi-retired Sisters outnumber our younger, wage-earning members by four to one. We must rely on donations to make up the difference. That's why your generosity is crucial!

Slowing down is hard for Sr. Marylou (as you can imagine!). But she's giving back to her CND community as much as she can. "I can't abandon the Sisters I've been working with," she says. Sr. Marylou also plans to volunteer with immigrants in Bridgeport, CT once she's back on her feet.

Will you make a gift today to support Sr. Marylou – and all the Sisters of the Congrégation de Notre Dame?

Sr. Marylou says she is inspired by the example of CND foundress St. Marguerite Bourgeoys. On Marguerite's first trip to Canada in 1653, she looked after the sailors who became ill on the journey. She also took great care of the "filles du roi," women who emigrated from France to help settle the New World. Sr. Marylou says, "She always did what was necessary at the time – that's a principle I have tried to follow."

Sr. Marylou has found great fulfillment as a CND nurse. "Nursing has put together everything - the teaching, the Spanish - it has been a fulfillment of my hope for my religious vocation."

But now Sr. Marylou needs your help. Please send in a gift today to support Sr. Marylou and all the CND Sisters, who have given tirelessly of themselves over decades of service. They have brought much peace, joy and healing 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. Please use the enclosed reply card to send in your gift and share your prayer intentions!

PSS: Our Annual Appeal NOW runs from January 1st through Dec. 31st every year.

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Dear Friend,

Sr. Marylou Lyons, CND has been a Congrégation de Notre Dame Sister since 1959. She has worked as a teacher, a Director of Religious Education and in parish ministry. For the past 20 years she tended to the health-care needs of her community. She is no longer working full time, but wishes to continue being of service.

Like Sr. Marylou, all our semi-retired and 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 all the CND Sisters*.

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"All that I have ever desired...is that the love of God above all things and of the neighbor as oneself be written in every heart."

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
 Foundress of the Congrégation de Notre Dame



Special Intentions

Please ask the Sisters to remember in their daily prayers the Special Intentions listed below.