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Dear Friends of the CND,

Once again we welcome you to our latest edition of “Partners in CND Mission” and, indeed, each of you is a partner with us as we reach out to many people in the US. You have made a tremendous difference in the lives of these families and individuals; we and they are so very grateful to you. Your name is among all those as we count our benefactors in our yearly listing beginning July ’10 through June’11.

Our articles center around our 11 Sisters celebrating their Golden Jubilees; Sr. Beth Davies, CND who thanks you for your generous donations to “New Beginnings”; our “Newsy Notes”; more information about the plight of families in St. Charles, VA; and celebration of the first profession of vows of Sr. Janet Lawrence, CND.

In being more accountable to you concerning our finances, we have included a pie chart showing our income. As we have noted in our appeal letters, 100% of your donation goes to the ministry for which the appeal was initiated. The CND assumes the costs that are not covered by our other sources of income. This way your donation fully supports our CND ministries.

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.” Albert Camus

We are so blessed to enjoy all four seasons and this one has its own particular beauty. Take time to savor the colors and aromas of Autumn. May they and our prayers for you be a blessing as you journey each day.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Murphy, CND
Director, Office of Mission Advancement



Golden Jubilee Celebration

By: Kathleen Murphy, CND

On June 18th, 2011, the chapel at Villa Notre Dame in Wilton, CT was filled beyond capacity as we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of 11 CND Sisters! Families, friends and CND Sisters joined together to give thanks to God for the lives of dedication that these Sisters have witnessed to over these 50 years. After the Liturgy of Thanksgiving, all were invited to share in a delicious meal where the celebration continued.

In 1961, these Sisters were assigned to finish their degrees or to teach. Since that time, they have moved into other ministries all of which are centered in education. And in 2011, you will see these Sisters as a Director of Religious Education, Superintendent of Schools, School Principal, High School Counselor, CND Wellness Coordinator, CND Finance, Diaconate Program Administrative Assistant, facilitator of women's groups and college tutor, Social Worker, and Parish Associate, family therapist, and in a graduate school counseling program. Through all these different ministries, the message is the same one that St. Marguerite gave to her sisters in the 1600s: "Let us be known by our works, by sound education, the good instruction we give, by our love for God's word and virtue".

We wish each Sister continued joy and dedication in their ministries and give thanks to God for their lives. 🌸



Photo By: Mary Anne Powers, CND

BACK ROW: Sisters Helen Kavanaugh, Mary Elizabeth Fox, Patricia Flattery, Ellen Gorman, Catherine Powers, Catherine Leonard, CND.
FRONT ROW: Sisters Alyn Larson, Patricia Graham, Ann Marie Landry, Ann Perrin, Marylou Lyons, CND.

Saint Louis Academy Class of 1960

By: Judi Peredna Budos

Saint Louis Academy, formerly located on the south side of Chicago, Illinois, closed its doors in 1959, leaving the class of 1960 without a school. Those individuals scattered in many directions to finish their last year of high school. This past year, that group of women demonstrated its loyalty to the school and each other by conducting a nation-wide search for its members and celebrating 50 years since their graduation. The reunion in Chicago was attended by more than half of the 71 members of that class and Noreen Kennedy Tierney, our freshman English teacher. 🌸



Photo By: Barbara Peredna Mackey

TOP: Jean Madison, Gerry Brown, Pat Setty, Pat Baro, Pam Ores. **SECOND ROW:** Connie Ruzas, Joni Duginski, Carol Sabol, Sharon Lotter, Cathy Meyers, Peggy Heenan, Maria Ganz, Judy Cimoli, Ginger Styler, Connie Ciecierski, JoAnn Nowak, Gerre Stumbris, Cathy Sullivan, Judy Wintercorn, Kathy Waljeski, Teresa Lauren, Carolyn Brezek, Carol Zamb, Barb Sobczyk, Barb Stankus, Trudy Boskey, Maureen Sullivan, Janet Simonato. **SEATED:** Darlene Gaubis, Marilyn McDonald, Judi Peredna, Ms. Kenedy Tierney, Judy Horton, Lucille Ferruzza, Geri Simandl, Rosalee Mather, Lynn Duffy. **KNEELING:** Diana Podbielski and Martha Holsapple

Keeping the Dream Alive

By: Beth Davies, CND

It is difficult to put into words our deep and heartfelt gratitude for your overwhelming support of New Beginnings. In reality you have offered a lifeline to many suffering alcoholics and drug addicts as well as to their family members, who helplessly watch their loved ones sinking deeper and deeper into a life of crippling, draining addiction.

One mother's story describes the profound pain of losing a child to a drug overdose. *Today my two grandchildren and I visited the cemetery. Nathan is 7 years old and Ashlee just 16 months. We were there because Nathan had asked to see his mother. It was her 27th birthday. As I watched, Nathan lovingly wiped the dirt and grass away from the marker. He read aloud the dates of her birth and death. Like most tombstones, it summarized*

her life in brief lines that did not tell the full story. With sad eyes Nathan asked, "Why doesn't it say she was mine and Ashlee's mother?"

As she watched her grandchildren tend to their mother's grave, she said she could not help but wonder if Valerie would still be alive today if there had been a place like New Beginnings to help her. We'll never know the answer to that. We do know, however, that many young and not so young people are alive today because of New Beginnings.

With your prayers and financial support you are helping to keep the dream alive, a dream of a small group of committed citizens determined to restore a sense of hope to an area devastated by a human watershed of despair manifested in an epidemic of substance abuse.

Thank you again and again for keeping that hope alive. ❁

GOT MILK?

By: Kathleen Murphy, CND & Jackie Greenfield, CND Associate

Jackie Greenfield is the 8th Grade Teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Fairfield, CT and for many years has been involved in the plight of the people in St. Charles, Virginia.

A new problem, which touched her students deeply, concerns the cost of milk which is more expensive than the cost of soda and junk food at the local IGA! Jackie and another Associate, Gina Sader-Rubenstein, established a voucher program. Every month a check is sent to cover the cost of 100 Gallons of milk. The students have committed to continuing this program through the school. This, unfortunately, is not sufficient for the 250+ families in the area.

The Associates connected to the Benedictine Grange in Redding, CT have also joined this program. ❁

If you would like to participate in this program, please make out your check to and send it to:

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With this issue of “Partners in CND Mission”, we would like to recognize your partnership with us from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. We would also like to extend a special thank you to our donors who are participating in our monthly giving program “Visitation Companions” (VC), instituted in January 2004.

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A Joyous Celebration

By: Kathleen Murphy, CND

On July 16th, 2011, CND Sisters gathered to celebrate a very special occasion! Sr. Janet Lawrence, CND made her 1st vows in the CND at Villa Notre Dame in Wilton, CT. It was truly a joyous day for all of us as we thank God for Sr. Janet's call and for our own.

You may remember reading about Sr. Janet in the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 "Partners". In those articles, Sisters Peggy Doyle, CND, Regina DeVitto, CND and Darleen Mayo, CND outlined the 3 year process for a woman to begin her discernment of a call to religious life. It is a time of prayer, dialogue, study and ministry. It is a time to test the authenticity of a call to religious life by both the community and the woman in formation.

Sr. Janet is a Jewish convert and a Neo-Natal Nurse Practitioner. Through a friendship begun at Greenwich Hospital, she was invited to consider converting to the Catholic Faith. At St. Mary's Parish in Ridgefield, CT, Sr. Janet completed the RCIA program, was Baptized, Confirmed and received the Eucharist. In the late summer of '08, Sr. Janet was received as a candidate and a year later, as a novice in the CND.

Sr. Janet will live in Scranton, PA with 2 CND Sisters and will work in a health care facility.

Join with us in thanking God for Sr. Janet's life with us and with God whom she loves so very much. She will bring many gifts, especially of compassion, a hallmark of St. Marguerite, to many people. ❁



Photo By: Kathleen Murphy, CND

Left to Right, Sr. Anne C. Leonard, CND, General Administration Councillor; Sr. Darleen Mayo, CND, Novice Director; Sr. Janet Lawrence, CND and Sr. Patricia McCarthy, CND, Provincial Leader

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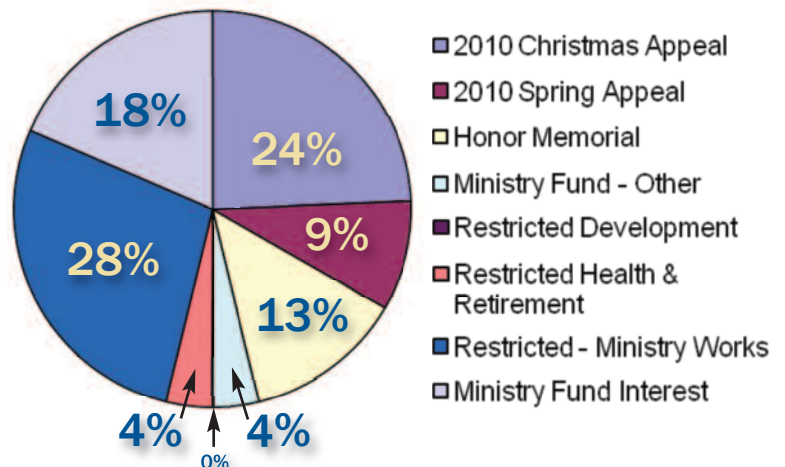
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Please join us in praying for our deceased Sisters
IN MEMORY OF

Sr. Therese Chaloux, CND (Mother St. Therese-Marguerite of Jesus) d. May 8, 2011

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

ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Mission Orientation of the
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To follow Jesus in a preferential option for the poor and to live our mission of liberating education in fidelity to the prophetic charism of Marguerite Bourgeoys in today's world, we commit ourselves to live closer to the reality of the impoverished, the excluded and the oppressed. In solidarity with them, we commit ourselves to protect our planet and to participate actively in the transformation of Church and society for a more just world.

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