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Who Said Anything About Being Retired? Your Support Keeps Us Going!

Our retired Sisters – those who can — stay in motion. For 42 years, Sr. Alyn Larson, CND, served in education, mainly high school social studies teaching. In 2014, she decided to retire. Since that time she has volunteered at St. Jean Baptiste High School in Manhattan. The CNDs cherish this school. Many Sisters are graduates and the CNDs have been its administrators for decades.

Sr. Alyn has become essential to St. Jean's administrative and advancement offices. She helps the Advancement Director maintain the

school database, and she researches and organizes materials the school sends out. It doesn't stop there. Sr. Alyn assists with major events, such as the annual Alumnae Reunion and the Registration Night for incoming students.

On top of all this, Sr. Alyn helps on the province level. She's the proofreader of the province newsletter and keeper of the province archives. She drives to province headquarters in Wilton, CT periodically to organize the treasure trove of pictures and documents that makes up the archives.



We treasure your support of our retired Sisters – both those who remain active and those who cannot. Thank you!

Helping Prisoners Start Over – Thanks to You!

“What does this test mean to you?” That's what Sr. Bea Baker, CND, asks when her pupils sit for their GED exams. Sr. Bea is a member of an interfaith group that teaches inmates at the Will County Jail in Joliet, IL. These are prisoners who have been arrested and are waiting to be arraigned by the court.

“Passing the test and receiving their GED is a huge accomplishment for these men and women,” Sr. Bea says. “It opens the door to a whole new world.”

Sr. Bea says many of the inmates hadn't valued education. Some are addicts who began using drugs as teens. School was never a priority. Some suffer from mental illness.

They are on medication just to keep stable and calm. Some came from difficult homes and have been in trouble most of their lives. They were kicked out of school or dropped out. “Now there's an awakening. They care about education. They realize the importance and value of it.”

“We meet the inmates for only a short while. We hope and pray it's a moment when they're open to change so they can start fresh.”

Sr. Bea has been teaching at the prison for ten years. She earns a small salary. She says her work with prisoners fulfills the CND mission of solidarity with the marginalized.

“It's the ministry that matches my gifts the most. It's a privilege. Society



sees criminals. I see their good side and potential. It's beautiful to work with the interfaith team and bring a little bit of hope and kindness to a place that doesn't have much of either.”

The team is not there to evangelize or convert the inmates to any religion. “We respect the God in each person. We trust that the God in each person is the healer and life giver.”

Thanks to your generosity, Sr. Bea can continue bringing hope and kindness to prisoners and inspiring them to begin their lives anew.

See page 2 for a pie chart of your donations...

Following Jesus. Serving the poor.

Sharing St. Marguerite's Charism – Because of You!

In the U.S. alone, 121 Associates, women and men, have pledged to live the joyful Visitation/Pentecost spirituality of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys. Worldwide, over 900 Associates vow to proclaim by their entire lives, the Good News of a God of Love. Your generosity funds this program. Thank you!



On January 27, Sr. Joan Mahoney, CND, Associate Relationship Director, gave a retreat at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hayesville, NC. She took this picture, which shows nine candidates for the Associate Relationship and four current Associates.



Associate Candidate Dolores Libby teaches a Faith Formation class to second and third graders at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hayesville, NC. "I wanted to become an Associate to grow my spirituality and, like St. Marguerite, love others in both word and deed."

Ways to Help the CNDs

Donate Online

Visit www.cnd-m.org; click on Office of Mission Advancement; and *Have you thought about giving?*

"Like" the CNDs on Facebook

Check out our Facebook page at Congregation of Notre Dame/USA.

Order our Enrollment Cards

Visit www.cnd-m.org; click on Office of Mission Advancement; and *Prayer Enrollment Cards*.

Become a CND Associate

Join the 120+ CND Associates, lay women and men who share CND spirituality. Contact Sr. Joan Mahoney, CND, at cndassociatesusa@msn.com or 203-762-4305.

Keep Sending Your Stamps

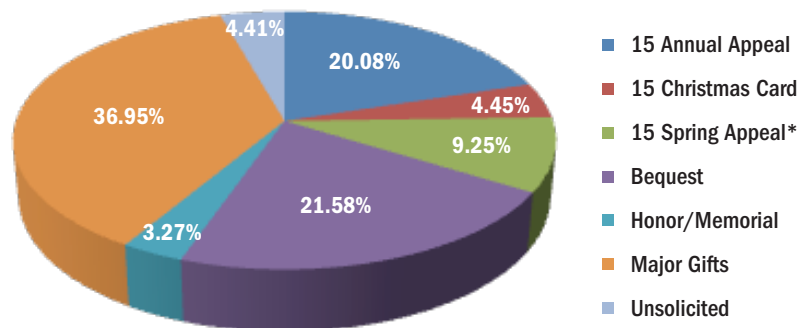
Your cancelled stamps benefit our missions in Central America and Cameroon.

Tell Us What You Think!

How do you like our new website? Visit www.cnd-m.org and click on the Mission Advancement link at the top of the page. We'd love to hear from you at missionadvancement@cnd-m.org.

Thank you for your support!

Current Fiscal Year Pie Chart



Thank you for caring!

*Replaced by Annual Appeal

Comforting the sick. Because of you.

Your Gifts Benefit All Our Sisters

Make Your Annual Appeal Gift by June 30, 2016

Because of you, our newly launched Annual Appeal is supporting:

- Our Sisters in active ministry who receive little or no pay as they share Christ's mission with the needy among us. *Think of Sr. Marilyn Medinger, CND, whose work with refugees we featured in our Annual Appeal letter.*

- Our retired and infirm Sisters as they continue to serve God through prayer.

Religious Sisters receive no funding from the Vatican or local dioceses.

We alone are responsible for covering our costs. That's why we need your help!

If you haven't done so, please give to our Annual Appeal by June 30, 2016. Please send your gift in the enclosed envelope or visit www.cnd-m.org; click on Office of Mission Advancement; and Annual Appeal.

We pray for you and your intentions every day. THANK YOU for your kindness and partnership with us!



Sr. Marilyn Medinger, CND, and Samuel



Sr. Patricia McCarthy, CND, Provincial Leader, and Sr. Marie Elaine Lachance



Sr. Mary Anne Powers, CND, Associate Provincial, and Srs. Marie Elaine Lachance and Denise Conway

She's a Visitation Companion AND a Legacy Society Member



Natalie Tiernan and her Chihuahua, Penny

Natalie Tiernan is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy, a CND school in Staten Island, NY. She's both a monthly donor (Visitation Companion) and a member of our Legacy Society.

"The Congregation of Notre Dame had a strong positive influence on my development. The Sisters provided me with a vital example of our living faith along with rigorous academic training. I realize there's been a drop in vocations to religious orders and a corresponding decrease in income. Add to that the increased cost of maintaining older members of the community and WOW, you've got a drastic situation.

I also realize there are nuns like my NDA co-alumna, Sr. Beth Davies. She's still in active ministry and deserves monetary support. So I take whatever actions I can to assist these wonderful Sisters. I send a monthly gift and use their lovely prayer cards whenever I need their prayer power.

Because the CNDs were so important to me in my youth and are still, I've included the Congregation in my will. I want the beautiful spirit of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys to last into the future. By giving monthly and leaving the Congregation a bequest, I can help make that happen."

For all you do, thank you.

Your Monthly Gifts Help Sustain Us Become a Visitation Companion!

A growing number of CND supporters are becoming monthly donors. We're so grateful! Reliable monthly gifts from our Visitation Companions help keep us going. **We're not funded by the Vatican or any local dioceses. We are responsible for covering our own basic living expenses.** To sign up for monthly giving, email: missionadvancement@cnd-m.org or call 203-762-4306.

Mission Orientation of the Congregation of Notre Dame

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.

(Mission Orientation, Chapters 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 with additions)

IN MEMORY OF

Catherine O'Shea, CND
(Mother St. Patrick of Mary)
d. December 30, 2015

*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.*

Correction:
2014/15 Honor Roll addition
Visitation Circle,
Margaret Paolucci

Have you included the CNDs in your will? Join the Legacy Society!

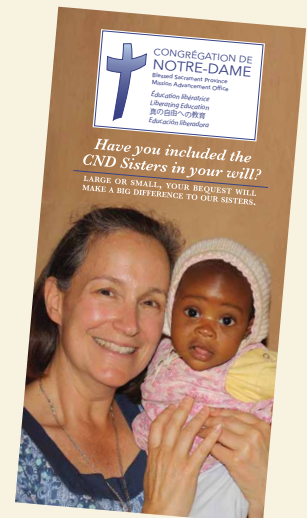
Large or small, your bequest will make a big difference. Your generosity will benefit both our Sisters in active ministry and our retired and infirm Sisters. All it takes is a quick phone call to your lawyer or financial planner to add the CNDs to your will.

Simply share this sentence: I bequeath \$___ or ___% of my estate to the Congregation de Notre Dame, Blessed Sacrament Province, Inc.*, 30 Highfield Rd., Wilton, CT 06897.

If you already have a will, a quick phone call to your attorney is all you'll need to add the CNDs.

To find out more, call our Mission Advancement Office at 203-762-4309 or 4306 or email missionadvancement@cnd-m.org. Thank you!

*Our legal name



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