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Our Retired Sisters Find Fulfilling Part-Time Work – Thanks to You!

Two days a week Sr. Ann Perrin, CND, counsels middle schoolers at St. Martin de Porres Academy, a Nativity Miguel school in New Haven, CT. She retired three years ago from serving as a marriage and family therapist in Scranton, PA. She lives with four CNDs at St. Louis Convent at St. John XXIII parish in West Haven, CT.

Sr. Ann's first ministries in the congregation were as a middle school teacher and an elementary school counselor. She served in inner-city

schools in Waterbury and New Haven. She has come full circle.

Sr. Ann says her training and background prepared her for working at the Academy. She is enthusiastic about the Academy's positive, supportive environment. "The school challenges the students to go beyond what they think they can do."

Your generous support helps sustain our retired Sisters who work part-time or volunteer. Many, many thanks!



Sr. Ann Perrin, CND, with Sixth Grader Jayla S.

Receiving Care in a Different Facility – An Opportunity to Share Faith

In Dec. 2019, CND Sisters needing skilled nursing care began receiving it in a new facility. For over 20 years, they had received such care at a health center run by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Wilton, CT. The facility was closed and all the Sisters had to be relocated.



Sr. Kathleen Fitz Simons, CND, at her Golden Jubilee, 2019

After a long search, the CNDs chose Jewish Senior Services (JSS) in Bridgeport, CT. JSS has the advantage of being up the street from Executive House Apartments, where eight CNDs now live. The Sisters can easily visit* and minister as CNDs to one another.

Sr. Kathleen Fitz Simons, CND, was the first Sister to move to JSS. Before falling ill in Nov. 2017, she was CND local leader at Andrus on Hudson, NY, a senior care community. For many years she held administrative positions in and for Catholic schools in several Archdioceses.

Sr. Kathleen says that even while living at JSS she can convey CND spirituality. She does this "by being who I am every day – welcoming and

reaching out to people. The mission is in who we are – living the Visitation and Pentecost spirit."

She talks to the nurses and aides who ask her about her pictures of the Visitation. She receives visits from the CNDs at Executive House. "The more that the staff meet the Sisters who are visiting, the more conversations that take place. If people feel comfortable to ask questions, that's an opportunity to share faith."

Jewish Senior Services welcomes all regardless of religion. Mass is offered every Friday and in anticipation of major feast days and holy days.

We treasure your support of our elderly and infirm Sisters who serve God by their example. Thank you!

**Before the coronavirus restrictions.*

Following Jesus. Serving the poor.

Well-Prepared to Be the New Justice and Peace Coordinator

For decades, Sr. Jacelyn Hanrahan, CND, served the vulnerable and exploited in Appalachia. That experience is proving useful for her new position. In July 2019 she became Blessed Sacrament Province's new Justice and Peace Coordinator.

Sr. Jackie joined the Congregation in 1969. She taught high school



Sr. Jacelyn Hanrahan, CND

English and religion for a while but felt something was missing. She found herself reflecting on the Congregation's call to work directly with the poor. On a visit to Appalachia for her students, a principal in Hurley, VA offered her a job. She took it and stayed in Appalachia for 37 years.

The move to a small rural area turned Sr. Jackie's life around. She saw that the residents had no representation in legal disputes. So, she set about earning a law degree from the University of Virginia in 1996.

Sr. Jackie was then able to provide legal remedies for the environmental costs of coal mining. In 2011 she helped launch the Appalachian Faith and Ecology Center. Its goal is to inspire care for the unique ecology of Central Appalachia. The mountains there are the oldest in the world.

Moreover, this area has the highest biodiversity in the continental U.S.

When Sr. Jackie heard the position of Justice and Peace Coordinator was open, she felt a familiar pull. It was "the same pull as when I thought about studying law." She saw an opportunity to help the CNDs re-connect to their rootedness in gospel justice. How can aging CNDs do this, she asks, "in a way that is integrated into their living fully and well?"

Sr. Jackie describes her new post as a call that "resonates from within. I am responding and trusting it will work – God is everywhere I am."

Your support for Sisters working in our province administration is critical. They do not receive outside salaries. We are most grateful for your generosity. Thank you!

A Visitation of Associates and Sisters at Andrus on Hudson

Every two months, CND Associates minister to Sisters at Andrus on Hudson in New York. Andrus is a senior care community where 12 CNDs are living. The Associates set up for Sunday Eucharist and then eat lunch and spend time with the Sisters. Associates perform many such acts of caring and compassion.

In the U.S., over 130 women and men are CND Associates. Thank you for your generous support of this relationship!



Connie Falkenstein, Sr. Anne Marie Landry, Kitty Carty, Sr. Elizabeth Moroney, Pat Maloney

**THANK YOU,
Visitation Companions!
Your monthly gifts help
sustain us!**

Your reliable monthly gifts enable our Sisters to minister to the least fortunate among us. They also support the needs of our elderly and ailing Sisters.

Become a Visitation Companion! Monthly giving is simple, convenient, and easy on your budget. **TO SIGN UP, email missionadvancement@cnd-m.org or call 203-762-4306. OR click on the monthly gift options at cnd-m.org; USA Office of Mission Advancement.**

Visitation Companions are recognized in our Honor Roll and on our website.

Many, many thanks!

Comforting the sick. Because of you.

*Sr. Janet Lawrence, CND,
making her final vows,
Nov. 23, 2019*



Legacy Society Members on Staying Connected to the CNDs

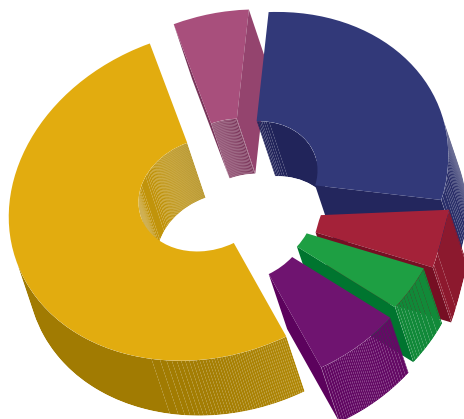
For a few years now, my husband and I have been members of the CND Legacy Society. In growing up, the CNDs were a huge part of my life. Having had two CND great-aunts, and spending 12 school years educated and formed by these Sisters, I was led to enter the Community.

However, God works in many ways. Now I am married, and some time ago, we agreed that the Legacy Society allows me (us) to remain connected with the Sisters and their many works. I will always be grateful to God for all I have gained from the CNDs.



Jean and Steven Dauer

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR DONATIONS



- 2019-20 Annual Appeal
- 2019 Christmas Card Appeal
- 2019 Fall Newsletter
- Honor/Memorial; Unsolicited
- Major Gifts
- Visitation Companions

Thank you for caring!

Have You Included the CNDs In Your Will? Become a Legacy Society Member!

Through a gift in your will, you can make a big difference in the lives of CND Sisters and those they serve. If you already have a will, a simple phone call is all it takes to add the Sisters. Just use this sentence with your financial planner:

I bequeath ____ % of my estate or \$____ to the Congregation of Notre Dame, Blessed Sacrament Province, Inc.*, 30 Highfield Rd., Wilton, CT 06897.

Legacy Society members are listed in our Honor Roll and on our website (unless you prefer to be anonymous). They receive invitations to events and a St. Marguerite Bourgeoy's lapel pin. To learn more, email missionadvancement@cnd-m.org or call the Mission Advancement Office at 203-762-4309.



**Our legal name*

For all you do, thank you.

Please join us in praying for our deceased sisters.

In Memory Of

Catherine Leonard, CND

(S. St. Catherine of Notre Dame)

d. December 3, 2019

Marie Eliane LaChance, CND

(S. St. Augustine)

d. December 12, 2019

Jewel Renna, CND

(S. St. Mary Michael of the Cross)

d. December 22, 2019

Carolyn Kinnamon, CND

d. December 23, 2019

Margaret Brennan, CND

(S. St. Thomas Martyr)

d. February 2, 2020

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

*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

Ways to Help the CNDs

Donate Online

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Prayer Enrollment Cards.

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Check Out Our Website

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USA Office of Mission Advancement.

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Your gifts to the Annual Appeal



- Sustain our elderly Sisters as they continue to serve God through volunteer ministries and through prayer. *Think of Sr. Jeannette Bolduc, CND, who is featured in our current Annual Appeal letter.*

- Allow Sisters who receive little or no pay to share Christ's love with the poor and vulnerable.

Religious Sisters receive no funding from the Vatican. We are responsible for covering our costs. That's why we need your support!

Please donate before the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 2020. Send your gift in the enclosed envelope **or** visit www.cnd-m.org, **USA Office of Mission Advancement.**

You Can Endow Your Annual Appeal Gift!

By making a bequest in your will you can create an Annual Appeal gift that lasts indefinitely. For instance, a \$20,000 bequest can generate a \$1,000 Annual Appeal gift that is in place forever! To learn more, contact the Mission Advancement Office at (203) 762-4309.

We hold you and your loved ones in prayer every day. **THANK YOU for your kindness and generosity!**

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



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