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Sisters at Villa Maria Convent Rest Comfortably – Thanks to You

CND Srs. **Dorothy Collins**, **Simone Camire** and **Helen Klimeck** are enjoying a well-deserved retirement. The three Sisters ministered in the field of education and in other areas for a total of 198 years! They live at Villa Maria Convent in Bronx, NY and now serve God's people through prayer.



Sr. Dorothy Collins (S. Austin)



Sr. Simone Camire (S. Bernadette-Anne)



Sr. Dorothy Collins taught in elementary schools in New York, Connecticut and Vermont beginning in 1960. "I just loved teaching - wherever it was I loved it!" She holds a bachelor's degree from Fordham and a master's degree in religious education from Fairfield University.

Sr. Simone Camire was professed in 1956. Sr. Simone taught business education and business law for much of her career. But her first degree was in history, and she follows the news closely. The plight of refugees especially concerns her. "There are so many refugees. So many countries don't want to receive them – it's a mixed-up world."



Sr. Helen Klimeck (S. Julianne)



A Waterbury, CT native, **Sr. Helen Klimeck** began her teaching career in Providence, RI in 1947. Sr. Helen taught art and regular middle school classes in Illinois, New York, Rhode Island and Connecticut. She also served as director of a senior citizens' center based at St. Jean Baptiste parish in NYC.

*All three Sisters rely on
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys for inspiration.
They pray to her daily.
As Sr. Helen remarks, "She's approachable."*

Your generosity helps sustain our retired Sisters. This means the world to us. Thank you!

Following Jesus. Spreading the Gospel.

CND Sisters Go “Back to School”



*Srs. Mary Ann Rossi (S. Barbara Christine),
Kathleen Dorney (S. Kathleen of Mary) and Joan Mahoney*

This photo lacks the typical “back to school” vibe: no backpacks, no school uniforms, no “little ones.” But look again! These CND Sisters can’t contain their delight in going back to school at Sacred Heart University! Last year the CNDs were asked to send a “few older” Sisters to be part of the work of the campus ministry program. Srs. Mary Ann Rossi, Kathleen Dorney, and Joan Mahoney fit the requirements: willing, able and adequately aged. Two of the three will facilitate parts of the preparation for weddings and baptisms. The third will help younger campus ministers plan retreats. The Sisters say they arrived on campus looking like delegates for “Grandparents Day.” But in true CND fashion they immediately became involved assisting some faculty and students with a “Busy Person Retreat.” Keep Srs. Joan, Kathleen and Mary Ann and all at SHU in your intentions. They think they’ll need it! *And thank you for your support for all our Sisters, including those who are supposedly “retired.”*

Supporting the Congrégation de Notre Dame for 25 Consecutive Years!

- Sharon and Tim Carmody

Tim and I were introduced to the CND Sisters through the Children’s Community School, in Waterbury, CT in the late 1980’s. The CNDs have supported the school for many years, by working there and by financially backing its efforts to educate marginalized children in the city.

We have always been humbled by the Sisters’ commitment to caring for the underserved in our communities and our world. They strive every day to work for justice and fairness with open minds and hearts.

The Sisters have inspired us to work hard in our own lives, to extend ourselves where there are needs, and to keep our hearts open to new ways to help others.

We have been fortunate to be able to support the Congregation’s mission over these many years. We pray they can continue their good work with the support of their donors.



Are You Ready to Join the CND Legacy Society?

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, use this simple sentence with your financial planner: I bequeath ___ % of my estate or \$___ to the Congregation de Notre Dame, Blessed Sacrament Province, Inc.*, 3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, CT 06825.

Legacy Society members are listed in our Honor Roll and on our website (unless you wish to be anonymous). You will receive invitations to events and a St. Marguerite Bourgeoys lapel pin. To learn more, email missionadvancement@cnd-m.org or call the Mission Advancement Office at 203-365-4306.



**Our legal name*

Legacy Society lapel pin

Comforting the sorrowful. Because of you.

Chicago Associates Create a “Sacred Circle of Women”



Associate Maria Saucedo

Associate Co-Coordinator Maria Cabello-Vazquez and Associate Maria Saucedo are collaborating with Loyola University and St. Oscar Romero parish on this 10-week project. Its aim is to promote the emotional well-being of migrant women.

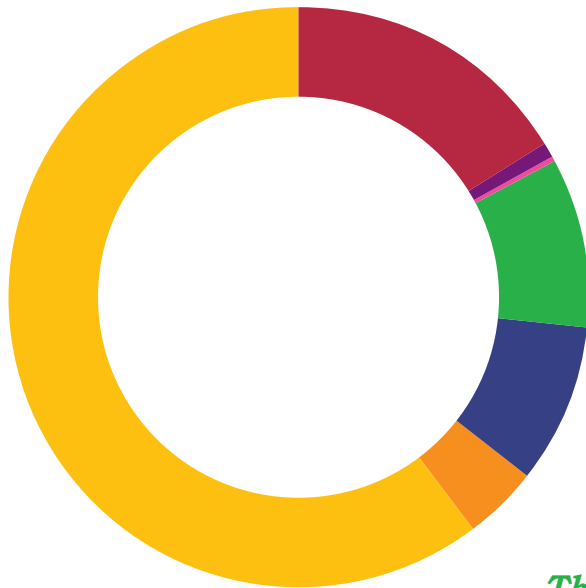
The women meet weekly to share their experiences of migrating with their families to another country. They're able to express their feelings of anxiety, depression, isolation, loneliness and fear with others who understand. Through affirmations, prayer, and being heard and seen, the women discover more about themselves.

The spirit of St. Marguerite accompanies this sacred circle of women.



We are grateful for your support of our Associate Relationship program!

2023 Year To Date Pie Chart



- **16.20%** 2023 Annual Appeal
- **0.87%** 2022 Christmas Appeal
- **0.25%** 2022 Fall Newsletter
- **9.39%** Honor/Memorial; Unsolicited
- **8.86%** Major Gifts
- **4.26%** Visitation Companions
- **60.17%** Bequests

Thank you for your kind and generous support!

Thank you, Visitation Companions! Your Monthly Gifts Help Sustain Us!

Your reliable monthly gifts help our Sisters minister to the least fortunate among us. They also support the needs of our elderly and infirm 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 203-365-4306. OR click on the monthly gift option at www.cnd-m.org/USA/giving.**

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

Many, many thanks!

For all you do, thank you.

Please join us in praying for our deceased Sisters.



Marilyn Doucette, CND
(S. Michael Joseph)
d. November 16, 2022

Natalie Gannon, CND
(S. Natalie Frances)
d. April 1, 2023

Carmel Caputo, CND
(S. Mary Andrew)
d. April 21, 2023

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 the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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the
CNDs**

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Canceled stamps (send with at least ¼" of envelope around all four sides of the stamps)

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Your Annual Appeal Gifts Benefit All Our Sisters

Your gifts to the 2023 Annual Appeal sustain our

- Elderly Sisters as they continue to serve God's people through volunteer ministries and through prayer. *Think of Sr. Marylou Lyons, CND. Her story was featured in our current Annual Appeal letter.*
- Sisters who receive little or no pay as they share Christ's love with the poor and vulnerable.

Please send your gift in the enclosed envelope or visit
www.cnd-m.org/USA/giving.

Make a forever gift to the Annual Appeal!

Through a bequest in your will, you can create an Annual Appeal gift that lasts indefinitely. A \$20,000 bequest, for example, can generate a \$1,000 Annual Appeal gift that remains in place forever! To learn more, contact the Mission Advancement Office at (203) 365-4306.

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



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



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