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2024 ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Friend,

Allow me to introduce you to Sr. Mary Mazza, who has followed a remarkable ministry path as a member of the Congrégation de Notre Dame [CND].

Sr. Mary started her journey with the Congrégation in 1962, initially as an elementary and high school teacher. But she felt her true vocation was parish ministry. “After all,” she points out, [“CND foundress St.] Marguerite Bourgeoy called us ‘daughters of the parish.’”

Her dream came true at St. Thomas the Apostle parish in Norwalk, CT, where she became director of faith formation and then pastoral associate. She had moved into parish ministry full time!



*Sr. Mary Mazza, CND and
Fr. Jim Borstelmann,
St. Joseph Church, Somers, NY*

**Will you support Sr. Mary with a gift of \$50, \$100, or more to our Annual Appeal?
Your generosity will sustain Sr. Mary and all the CNDs who continuously seek
innovative ways to serve God’s people.**

Sr. Mary continued to serve in parish leadership in churches in New York state. When she retired in 2017, she sought new ways to help others. She had been working with people who were active in parish life. But she realized that others no longer felt at home in the Church. Together with a retired pastor, Sr. Mary developed “Beyond Church Walls.” This program reaches out to individuals and lets them know they are important to God.

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!

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Nowadays, Sr. Mary leads scripture reflections online, and gathers with individuals and groups, including a small LGBTQ community. Sr. Mary says she's responding to the CND call to reach those on the peripheries, as well as Pope Francis's appeal to be present and welcoming to everyone.

Sr. Mary has now served as a CND Sister for 60 years. She realizes that she "walks in the footsteps of giants, beginning with St. Marguerite and all those who have come after her." She treasures the encouraging community of her CND Sisters: "Where one CND is, there we all are. I never find myself alone."

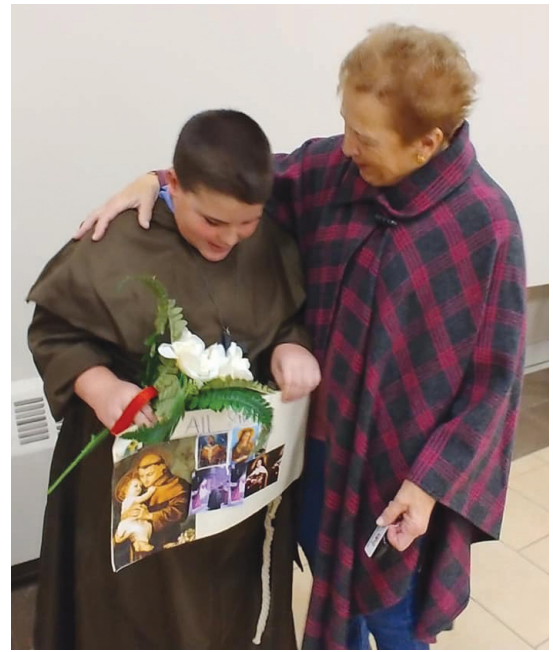
Join us in supporting Sr. Mary and the entire CND community as they strive to continue the mission of St. Marguerite. Your gift today ensures that their tireless dedication to serving God's people flourishes into the future.

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. Please know that whatever amount you give is greatly appreciated.



Chatting with "Saint Anthony" before the Parade of Saints at St. Patrick Church, Athens, NY

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Yes! I want to support Sr. Mary and all the CNDs.

Please accept my one-time gift of \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 I prefer to give \$_____

Please enroll me in the Visitation Companions program with a monthly gift of

\$10 \$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 I prefer to give \$_____

Please accept

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My/Our gift is in honor/memory of _____.

I would like my/our gift to remain **anonymous** (your name will not appear in our Honor Roll).

My/Our Special Intentions are on the back of this form.

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- To provide a gift of stocks or a bequest, please call our Mission Advancement Office at 203-365-4306.
- For matching gifts, please enclose your company's matching gift form.

Please return this form in the enclosed reply envelope.

Our Annual Appeal runs from January 1st through December 31st every year.

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