

From Sister Micheline Curtis at Bishop Drumm:

Many Sisters had visitors recently:

- Jeannette Kopel...sister Isabel, Cathy, brother in law John
- Micheline Curtis...brother Tim and Diane
- Marianne Nehus...brother from Washington and 2 sisters from Montana
- Ramona Kaalberg...brother Gayle and wife Carol
- Marita Bartholome...niece from Kansas City for 96th birthday celebration

Kathy Henneberry and Elaine and Jeanie Hagedorn also visited Sisters.

Pat Miller and Rosalia Reidel went on a colorful leaf tour and then had lunch at a local restaurant.

From Sister Kathryn O'Meara in Ashburn, VA:

I was participant in my parish's women's study group, now on Catherine of Sienna writings.

I went to Mt. Vernon with parish retiree group where we saw major improvements: e.g., a library and extensive museum, plus updates all over the property.

From Des Moines:

The big news from the Des Moines Diocese was the Ordination and Installation of Bishop William Joensen on Sept. 27. Everyone is thrilled with Pope Francis' choice, and welcoming him were Srs. Jude Fitzpatrick, Elaine and Jeanie Hagedorn and Mary Ann Vogel who represented the Humilities. It was a beautiful prayerful celebration! (Women religious had reserved seats right behind the bishops!) The Mass was live streamed so all could participate!

Dolores Huerta, co-founder with Cesar Chavez of the first farm workers union, was keynote speaker on Sept 20. At 90, still an energetic civil rights and labor justice icon, she gave an inspiring presentation, and afterwards posed for a photo with Jeanie and Elaine., who were also were invited guests for lunch with Dolores.

Iowa is host to many Presidential candidates in preparation for the Iowa Caucuses. Citizens for Community Action sponsored a People's Presidential Forum at which Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Julio Castro and Pete Butigieg responded to personal stories from Iowans, such as healthcare, housing discrimination, poverty, etc. and their solution if elected. The Hagedorns were especially impressed with the candidates' practical but very human responses to the individual Iowans' struggles.

Sr. Justine Denning and Sr. Judy Herold SSND enjoyed a vacation in beautiful Roseberg Oregon, but they are not missing winter like cold days here.

From Great Falls and Billings MT

Johnelle, Lissie and friend Shannon Watson attended the annual Mansfield Dinner for Cascade County Democratic Central Committee to fund raise/meet/support candidates.

We, and Dawn Goulet, who helps us with marketing, attended the annual Farmers Market Vendor Appreciation Dinner, at which an ecumenical choir, consisting of mentally and physically challenged members, sang to raise funds to go to perform at Carnegie Hall.

Kathleen Hanley is singing with the Billings Symphony Chorale. Their concert in November will include a Shaker canon called Humility as well as music to a collection of Robert Frost poems. Kathleen's book group is reading Meister Eckhart: A Mystic- Warrior for Our Times by Matthew Fox. She also participates in a group studying Laudato Si, and continues to hold babies twice monthly in the neonatal intensive care unit.

From Denver CO

Sister Molly Munoz is preparing 350 tags with requests for Christmas gifts from children of local parishes. These tags will be available for people to choose as their recipient.

From Ottumwa IA

Sister Irene Munoz will soon be released from Good Samaritan to her home, as she can now walk in tennis shoes and according to her--without pain. Two months ago she broke bones in both ankles! Sister Molly assisted to get her home ready for the transfer.

From Humility of Mary Center:

On Oct 10 five members of Bishop Drumm Leadership Team from Johnston came to HMC chapel where they gave a video presentation about BD, its employees and policies. A highlight was a video of Sisters at BD waving to us, and we responded with a video of us waving to them.

On Oct 12 ten CHM's enjoyed talks and camaraderie at the Intercongregational Day at Sinsinawa WI, and then they brought back cinnamon rolls and bread from that kitchen for all to enjoy.

On Oct 15 Sisters who watched the Democratic candidates debate were Srs. Pat Heidenry, Kathleen Henneberry, Cathleen Real, Mary Rehmman and Johanna Rickl.

On Oct 17 some CHMs watched the World Food Prize broadcast live at which the "Nobel Prize for Agriculture" was awarded to Simon Groot from the Netherlands, who developed high quality vegetable seeds for small farmers. With a partner from the Philippines, they founded East-West Seed to train local workers to produce successful hybrids, including pumpkins and tomatoes in Southeast Asia, and soon in Africa. More than a dozen former laureates from all over the world were present, including a number of women.

Sat. 9-21-19 in HMC chapel, many CHM's and associates attended the Retreat Day led by S. Mary Ann Zollman, BVM, as she recounted her life changing experience—sitting in silence for 7 hours—feeling enveloped in unconditional love. Her words were meaningful, like "God walks with us in silence", and her slides were fitting, especially beautiful was a branch ablaze with fire, symbolic of God breathing forth the fire of love into each of us.

On Oct 22, eight Sisters and Associate Diana Gray, cruised the Mississippi River on Celebration Belle while enjoying a delicious lunch. A narrator pointed out Arsenal Island, McClellan Heights, Village of East Davenport, and when we went under the new and old I-74 bridges, we heard statistics about the new bridge.

The request of prayers for Sister Cecelia continues, as she has Home Instead sitters with her during the night. She rallied after being anointed, but is again having difficulty breathing, so now is on oxygen. She still wishes to be brought to Mass and to eat in the dining room.

Sister Carla Takes is now under care of hospice and at night Home Instead sitters. The plan for dialysis was abandoned after a care conference. (see Mary Ann's update.)

Other:

- Sister Kathy Henneberry recently visited her brother Dick, who is suffering from dementia, and wife Arlene.
- Sr. Catherine Linnenkamp's brother, LaVerne, died September 30. Several CHM's attended the wake, with rosary and inspirational sharing of memories by his children
- Oct 3 several sisters and Diana Gray went to the Figge Art Museum for lunch and a tour of Haitian art and John Dilg - Arterial Resources.
- On Oct 12, a 50th Jubilee celebration was held at the Center for Sister Margaret Kruse OSF, director of Our Lady of the Prairie.
- A special prayer service for immigrants was held in the chapel.
- Marie Vittetoe attended her brother Bill's BIG 90th birthday party on Oct 13 in Washington KC hall with many cousins, friends, parishioners. Then to Iowa City to visit friends and to West Branch to see 95 yo CHM associate Cleo Studt. She returned with bad head cold!!

Sad News of Former CHM's

Patricia Rehmman Spratt ("Pat", formerly Sr. Mary Terence) died on September 21 and a memorial Mass for her as a Magnificat donor, will be on Wednesday, November 27, at 11:40 in the Magnificat Chapel at Humility of Mary Center. Sister Delphine Vasquez's adaptation of the "Magnificat" was printed on the cover of the worship aid for her Mass of Christian burial in Minneapolis on October 12. S. Mary will convey the many messages of memories, feelings and prayers to her siblings Joanne Griesbach and Ron Rehmman.

Associate Paula Evitts said she was privileged to be a companion during Elsie Tuss's suffering during her illness and death. Elsie Tuss, former Sister Antonea CHM, died 10/3 in Great Falls MT, after suffering from stomach cancer. Her memorial is yet to be announced.

Paula's pottery sessions have started again for the year, and she is continuing with the First Friday art shows in downtown Great Falls.

Srs. Greta Fitzgerald and the Hagedorns mourned the death of Mary Margaret O'Toole, former Sister Dolomarie, who died on October 8th at Hospice in Des Moines. Sisters also shared prayer and memories with "Maggie" during her last days,. She commented that she "never really left the Humilities." Sr. Dorothy Chevalier and her brother were also present for Maggie's funeral Mass. A Mass of remembrance for Maggie was held at HMC on 10/23/19.

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