

### **From Sister Micheline and Barbara Gross at Bishop Drumm**

- Many family and friends remembered Sr. Donna Schmitt at visitation and memorial service.
- Sisters watched TV for the installation of Fr. Joenson as our new Bishop and
- November 5<sup>th</sup> he celebrated Mass, followed by a reception for BDRC residents.
- Veterans' Day was special with a Veterans' Day Mass, program, and reception.
- A quilting group presented colorful valor quilts to resident veterans.
- S Micheline had Mary Routh plant daffodil bulbs in our central courtyard.
- S Hilary had visitors, and Hagedorns visited recently.
- Sisters had a nice sendoff for Sister Marilyn.

### **From Jeanie Hagedorn in Des Moines**

Hagedorn Sisters enjoyed lunch with their respective classmates: Elaine's SJA class of 1953; Jeanie's SJA class of 1956 meets monthly for socialization, a simple meal, and to laugh and update their news. Some retired Religious Education Directors gather to pray together, share stories of their faith joys and struggles and give encouragement. In November, we enjoyed special traditions, like fun door prizes, for which Hagedorns continue to win at least one prize.

On a cold November evening, the DM Intentional Eucharistic Community served a hot meal at the Central Iowa Shelter and Services to 200 hungry and homeless women and men. Rewards were happy eyes, beautiful smiles and looks of gratitude--gifts far greater than the food we served.

Srs. Elaine and Jeanie also attended two other special events about the marginalized.

1. At Drake University a Palestinian farmer, peace activist/ founder of "Tent of Nations", who told stories of Palestinians' struggles faced in their homeland, now occupied by Israeli settlers.
2. A Medical Doctor, working with very poor in Mali, a West African country. Sister Justine Dennings's nephew Dave Merschman is President of "Medicine for Mali", which has worked for 18 years to provide clean water, health education, public health immunizations, teacher training and Microfinance loans to villagers. Sr. Justine and Dave's mother Ina Merschman listened to stories of wonderful work by his organization.

Hagedorns enjoyed visiting with our sisters at Bishop Drumm on several occasions, always uplifted by their smiles, gratitude and loving concern for one another. We always come home proud to be Sisters of Humility of Mary!

### **From Johnelle in Great Falls, MT**

Sister Johnelle and Lissie attended the huge memorial service for Elsie Tuss November 9th at the Black Eagle Community Center. They plan to attend the service for Cecilia at Mount Olivet Cemetery Great Falls, MT with luncheon to follow at the Ursuline Centre November 19th.

They also will take part in the Holiday Happening Craft Show on November 23-24 at Exhibition Hall.

## **From Kathryn O'Meara in Ashburn VA**

My niece and 3 grandnieces from the Denver area will visit the weekend before Thanksgiving.

At the end of October, I took an overnight trip to tour two DuPont family estates—one in PA & other in Delaware. They were cousins and both interested in Horticulture. The PA cousin had a "huge" arboretum w plants collected worldwide. He loved the formal gardens & fountains of Europe so his was landscaped that way, but Delaware cousin preferred plants/trees in their natural state, so, his had trees, shrubs, (extensive). He was also a breeder of dairy cattle in the early 1900's which was the basis for dairy herds in the U.S.

## **From Humility of Mary Sisters at the Center**

Funeral Masses for S Donna and S Cecilia were celebrated by Msgr Henricksen who also gave the homilies. S. Mary Rehmann gave a fine tribute at S. Cecilia's wake. Both Sisters will be missed by Sisters, but especially by relatives who came from afar for the wakes and funerals.

S. Caridad will go back to her Guadalajara CIRIMEX base at the end of November. Since the middle of July she has volunteered at the Diocesan Social Action Office classifying Msgr. Mottet's papers. In Guadalajara she will be structuring a workshop on how nonviolent action works based on the thought of Dr. Gene Sharp, founder of the Albert Einstein Institution in Boston, Mass.

S. Cathleen Real spent several days visiting her sisters Margaret and Martha in Columbus Ohio.

Some CHM Sisters attended the St Serra Gala at the Outing Club where Bishop Zinkula and about 10 priests concelebrated Mass prior to the meal. John Leonetti was the motivational speaker who made clear that our ONLY goal in this life is to become a "SAINT".

Kathleen Collins led a "drum circle" for a group of HMC Sisters in the light court. We learned this is a form of prayer, is relaxing, lowers blood pressure and increases Immune Globulin A!!

For Halloween Janet worked her magic with food, table and room decorations, like chocolates caught in spider webs, to set the stage for goblins, witches and pumpkins. An added attraction was her granddaughter with a special dress and hat for trick or treat, but who helped serve goodies.

## **Updates--Directory revisions:**

Donna Schmitt died 10/25/2019

Cecelia Vandenberg died 10/26/2019

Sister Marita Bartholome will now be Sister Virginia Mary Bartholome.

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