

## TidBytes – September 2021

CHM internal community news to CHM sisters, associates, and staff

### Humility of Mary Center – S. Mary Rehmann

**HMC residents** had a choice of hamburgers or turkey-burgers on Labor Day with fries and onion rings, deviled eggs, garden vegetables, red-white and blue (layered) jello, and colorful fruit pizza dessert. Some watched “Blue Miracle” that afternoon. It is based on a true story about the Casa Hogar orphanage in Mexico and the Bisbee’s Black and Blue International Fishing Contest in 2014. Recommended.

Whose life can be said to be a sermon? That is how Fr. Rick Dagit described **Sr. Mary Ann Aman’s** life in the homily at her funeral on September 13 at Bishop Drumm. He was pastor at St. Joseph Church in State Center, IA, which was her last parish mission. Find it at the end of her obituary [www.ilesfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ilesfuneralhomes.com).

September birthdays were celebrated on September 1 with a red had recognition for **Sr. Pat Heidenry on her 90<sup>th</sup>**. Also celebrated that day was **Sr. Roberta Brich**.

Since there was no regular Assembly in June 2020, there was no memorial service for sisters and associates who died during FY2020. We remember them now: Srs. **Donna Schmitt** (10/25/19), **Cecelia Vandenberg** (10/26/19), **Carla Takes** (12/21/19), **Marianne Nehus** (5/10/20) and **Maribeth Takes** (5/11/20).

**Election/Direction-setting meetings** are in progress as this is compiled. **Msgr. Francis Henricksen** celebrated the opening Mass on Wednesday, September 15, and said “You don’t need to pray for the Holy Spirit to come, the Holy Spirit is already here.”

### Des Moines – S. Jeanie Hagedorn

Late September seems to be a time of *transition*. This year, of course, we are one with each other in prayer for our election of CHM leadership and discernment of directions for our future focus. Not all of us were able to participate in person in the Representative Assembly, but *certainly*, all of us were there in spirit and in constant prayer. It was very disappointing for some of us delegates not to be able to participate but COVID concerns and other health issues prevented that. Nonetheless, we offer our congratulations to the new Leadership Team and send our loving support and gratitude to both outgoing and incoming leadership! We are so blessed by your commitment!

Transitions will soon be visible in nature too, at least for those of us in Iowa. As leaves begin to change colors and fall to the ground, we are reminded of the life cycle for humans as well. The recent deaths of five of our CHM sisters and the approaching deaths of family members and friends have brought a sense of loss as well as gratitude. These deaths have also brought to attention our own limited time on this earth and strengthened our faith in the Resurrection. During these weeks, going through our community picture directory, we experienced deep

gratitude for all the many sisters and associates who have enriched our lives as CHMs, and who continue to be with us on this journey, though in a different way.

On a lighter note, even mundane everyday things go through changes, some noticeable and some not. Recently, Jeanie's 10-year-old Ford required a new "throttle body" as well as a new airbag after a recall. Not noticeable changes, but significant. These "transitions" give hope that even my vehicle has another 10 years of "life" :)

Elaine shares this quote: "Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations." (author unknown)

## **Bishop Drumm Center – Barb Gross**

**Garage Sale at BDRC** will come to a close on Thursday, September 30th. Throughout the summer when the weather was not too hot, we usually had 2-4 sisters go shopping with a CHM staff person and find some nice clothing or decor for their room.

**Jubilee Celebration at BDRC** for Harriett Ping's 70th Jubilee and Barb Gross' 25th as an Associate. S Harriett and Barb enjoyed a 9:30 a.m. Mass Celebration on Sunday, September 12th with the CHM Sisters and residents at Bishop Drumm. Fr. Tom DeCarlo, our priest celebrant, shared in his homily his gratitude for the many generous services that the CHM sisters provide in their ministries. Pat Rothamel, our CHM Staff person at BDRC, was kind to provide nice corsages and a beautiful boutique of flowers at the altar. We are also most grateful to our CHM Sisters, Associates, and friends who sent us thoughtful cards and expressed donating to a good cause and/or ministry in our name.

**Funeral of S Mary Ann Aman celebrated at Bishop Drumm** at her request. We had a visitation on Monday, September 13th at 9:30 a.m. in Chapel and then the Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Fr. Rick Dagit was the priest celebrant from State Center where S Mary Ann served in religious education. Fr. Dagit gave a very meaningful homily expressing how S Mary Ann had a special way in reaching out to others. He said, "she lived the Gospel." We were grateful to have S Mary Ann Vogel, S Johanna Rickl, and S Lynn Mousel come to join us in the prayer services. Then the leadership team, a few of our staff, and a few friends went to St Patrick's cemetery in Perry, Iowa, for the burial service.

## **Administration – Kelly Bell**

Sister Luz María Orozco, CHM, November 3, 1933 – September 13, 2021  
<https://www.chmiowa.org/about/sister-stories/view/125>

### Election Results from Representative Assembly for 2022-2026

President: Johanna Rickl,  
Vice President: Marcia Eckerman,  
Cabinet: Lynn Mousel, Bea Snyder, Mary Ann Vogel

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