



## Solidarity with All People

by Sr. Mary Ann Vogel

The Sisters of Humility practice solidarity with all people through prayer, financial support, participation in events and hospitality.

During the congregation's gatherings in March and June, CHMs stated in various ways the need to think of ourselves as part of a larger community, to respect diversity, and to widen the space of our tent by inviting others to Humilty of Mary Center (HMC).

During the discussion, some suggestions included: companioning another person, being intentional about every connection, being open to the unexpected and to form different kinds of community. As members of the Leadership

Conference of Women Religious, we also feel committed to support its goal of nurturing global religious life.

So it was with great joy that we answered "yes" to a special request and welcomed Sisters Huyen Phan and Nuong Bui, members of Lovers of the Holy Cross, to join in community with us, providing them with room and board as well as companionship, prayer and encouragement.

Huyen and Nuong grew up in South Vietnam where they met as young girls while attending public school and living with a group of religious sisters—Lovers of the Holy Cross. Upon graduation from high school they both felt the call to become sisters and said that the love of Jesus is what inspired their choice.

The women are now in their 30s. For the past year they studied English at Northeast Iowa Community College while living with the Presentation Sisters in Dubuque. In anticipation of continuing their education at Scott Community College in Bettendorf, they were searching for a place to live.

CHMs learned of this and saw that the opportunity fit in well with the sense of openness to being a welcoming community. Huyen and Nuong add a spark to our home. Their energy and faith are a blessing.

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*Photo: Sisters Huyen Phan and Nuong Bui, of Lovers of the Holy Cross congregation based in S. Vietnam are at home living with CHM sisters while attending classes at Scott Community College. St. Joseph's Courtyard is one of their favorite places at Humility of Mary Center in Davenport.*



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Our Mission: We, the members of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary, call one another to live the Gospel with simplicity and joy following the example of Mary.

Like our founders, we strive to be attentive to the call of the Spirit in the signs of our times, especially the needs of the poor and the powerless.

We commit ourselves as individuals and as a congregation to work for justice within the human family and to care for the earth itself.

Continue to love each other as sisters and brothers. Don't neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

*-Hebrews 13: 1-2*

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*Sr. Nuong Bui, LHC, CHM Sisters Carla Takes, Cecelia Vandenberg, Joann Kuebrich, Pat Heidenry and Sr. Huyen Phan, LHC, enjoy each other's company at Humility of Mary Center in Davenport, IA.*

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The joyful pair have separate rooms on the same hallway and spend most of their spare time studying. However, they do find moments to attend Mass, enjoy the gardens and take meals with CHMs. Huyen said that she enjoys the conversations and Nuong is happy to listen to the CHM sisters as they share their experiences in religious life. She finds life at HMC to be very peaceful. Huyen added that she loves the closeness of a small community.

They don't complain except for the hardship of learning a new language. But they seem to be doing quite well as it isn't hard to understand that they love the view, the meals and the people.

The women plan to return to Vietnam after finishing their schooling at St. Ambrose University. Nuong is focused on healthcare while Huyen will major in sociology and accounting. With their new skills they will help their sisters in the LHC community.

Meanwhile, we Sisters of Humility are open to being surprised by things we learn about another culture and about ourselves in the process.



*Sr. Nuong and Sr. Mary Ann Vogel share a snack and conversation while Sr. Huyen hits the books!*





## Widening the Space of Our Tent



*The Magnificat Chapel at Humility of Mary Center not only has daily Mass, but opens its doors for presentations, concerts, films and events. At left: Iowa Poet Laureate, Mary Swander, brought her play “VANG” about midwest immigrant farmers, to a capacity crowd.*



*At right: Father Bud Grant uses the large screen in the Magnificat Chapel during a presentation about climate change.*



*Many people have stayed with CHMs at Humility of Mary Center, from travelers spending one night to some staying several years such as Sr. Candida Massabo, MGS, a member of the Maria Goretti Sisters based in Tanzania, who studied at St. Ambrose University. Photo at left: Sr. Bea Snyder, Sr. Candida Massabo and Sr. Ursula Keough.*



*Receptions have been held on many occasions honoring individuals and groups in the community. Photo above: Sr. Joan LeBeau, at left, having fun with guests.*



*Funeral Masses for our sisters are most often held in the Magnificat Chapel after which friends and family of the deceased are welcomed for dinner and sharing.*



*Widening the Space of Our Tent continued-*



*The figure of Jesus welcoming all is just one of the beautiful statues that grace the grounds of Humility of Mary Center.*

The Congregation of the Humility of Mary has signed on to help develop the Quad City Sanctuary Coalition with Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Quad Cities (UUCQC). The UUCQC is willing to host an undocumented individual or small family that is at risk for immediate deportation while their immigration status is being resolved. The purposes of the coalition are to:

- broaden awareness of the availability of sanctuary
- provide support for the sanctuary efforts of the congregation with donations of time, talent, and/or treasure
- foster connection to the immigrant community that will help identify potential guests in need of sanctuary
- support other local congregations who wish to establish sanctuary
- advocate for immigration reform

Becoming a broad-based community coalition will make our organizations a powerful voice for immigration justice.

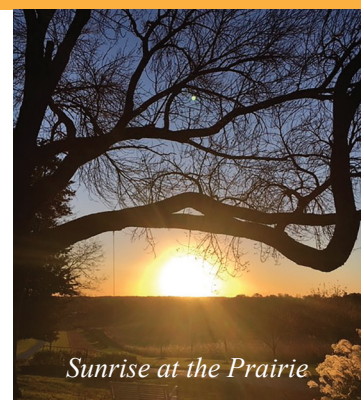
## Resting in Heavenly Peace



Donna Donovan, CHM  
June 21, 1941 -  
September 12, 2018



CHM Associate Lolita Orozco  
October 24, 1937 -  
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*Sunrise at the Prairie*

*May you see God's light  
on the path ahead,  
when the road you walk is dark.*

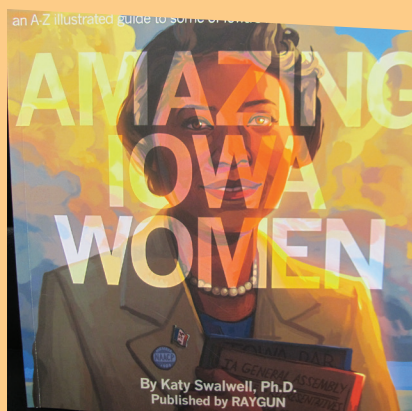
*May you always hear,  
even in your hour of sorrow,  
the gentle singing of a lark.*

*When times are hard,  
may the hardness never turn  
your heart to stone.*

*May you always remember,  
when shadows fall—  
you do not walk alone.*

*Irish Blessing*

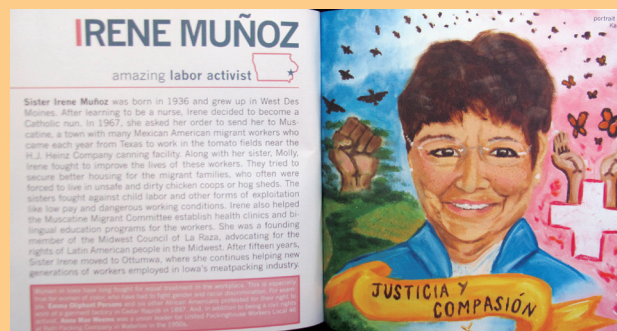
Loving tributes to our departed sisters can be found at [chmiowa.org](http://chmiowa.org) in the news section.



We are excited to announce the publication of “Amazing Iowa Women”—an A-Z illustrated guide to some of Iowa’s most extraordinary women. The book features one of our own—Sr. Irene Muñoz, CHM—an amazing labor activist. Find more about Sr. Irene in “Sister Stories” at [chmiowa.org](http://chmiowa.org).

Inspired by “Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls” and “Rad Women A to Z,” Iowa State education professor Katy Swalwell worked with over 25 Iowa women artists to create a children’s book that celebrates the incredible accomplishments of a diverse set of women throughout Iowa’s history. Learn more at [AmazingIowa.com](http://AmazingIowa.com)

A portion of the proceeds from the book will go to the Iowa Women’s Archives at the University of Iowa and the Young Women’s Resource Center in Des Moines, Iowa.





# Where Love Dwells

by Margaret Kruse, OSF, Director, Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat



*Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat*



*Bishop Thomas Zinkula prays a blessing during the 15th Anniversary Celebration of the Prairie Heights building.*

Shortly after purchasing the land known as Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat, the Sisters of Humility expanded their ministry of hospitality and prayer by creating a new building—Prairie Heights—beyond the restored Victorian farm house. Prairie Heights came to fruition through a capital campaign, and guests were welcomed to the sacred space in October 2003. The building was dedicated and blessed on October 4, 2003, the feast of St. Francis.

Recently, a young woman drove in to admire the property. When I stopped to talk with her she said, “There is a real spirit here. I can feel it.” Then she began to tear up and drove away. God touched her heart that day.

Fifteen years and hundreds of guests later, we celebrated the 15th anniversary of Prairie Heights. On October 4th members of the Sisters of Humility, associates, advisory committee members and OLPR staff gathered for a blessing and Mass of Thanksgiving led by Bishop Thomas Zinkula.

Readings, petitions, songs and prayers from the prayer service of 2003 were incorporated into the liturgy. It was, indeed, a celebration as the prayerful words spoken by the bishop captured what was felt in our hearts and created a bond of unity. The music reminded us that where love dwells, we can all live safely, learn to forgive, and build our hopes, dreams and visions together.

“I can’t believe the spirit of this place,” exclaimed Tom Fennelly, a Russell Construction manager, when he first walked inside the front door of the original Victorian House. This spirit remains today, as God’s peace and love flows forth to those who visit.

Our celebration ended with a hearty meal, stories and laughter. We felt energized as we returned to work, filled with enthusiasm and energy that carried us through our day and I’m sure into the New Year.

The 2019 Prairie Retreat Calendar will be in the mail in December! There will be a variety of wonderful retreat experiences to choose from each month of the year. Favorite recurring programs will be back — these include:

- Knit One Pray Too
- Come to the Quiet
- *Visio Divina* Through Film
- Taizé Vigil Services

And new this year...the first Wednesday of each month a Mass will be held at 10:00am in the chapel in the Prairie Heights building. After the Mass, take a tour of the Prairie followed by a nutritional lunch from the Prairie kitchen.

*Call 563-336-8414 to be sure your name is on our calendar mailing list!*

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*CHM Development Director Joyce Bieber takes a fall selfie at the Prairie.*



## Honor and Remember

The Congregation of the Humility of Mary is grateful for the donations received in memory or honor of loved ones between June 1 and September 30, 2018. CHMs remember these individuals in daily prayers and Masses.

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*L-R: Sr. Jude Fitzpatrick, CHM stands with Kate Marlow, communications director for the Clinton Franciscans at a "Nuns on the Bus Rally" in Des Moines in October.*

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*L-R: Committed to the poor, Srs. Elaine and Jeanie Hagedorn speak to reporters during the "Nuns on the Bus" rally in Des Moines in October.*

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The Book of Eternal Life was placed in the Magnificat Chapel at the Humility of Mary Center during a prayer service on October 31. CHMs devote the month of November to remembering those who have gone on to their eternal rest. Many responded to our October mailing asking for names to be added to the Book of Eternal Life. Even though November is a special month of remembrance, sisters are honored to pray for your loved ones at any time of the year. Please let us know if you have prayer requests by calling 563-336-8401 or responding on our website [chmiowa.org](http://chmiowa.org).

*Your contributions help support retired sisters of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary and the CHM mission of helping the poor, the powerless and Earth itself.*



*In Davenport's Vander Veer Park last June CHM Sisters Johanna Rickl (standing) Kathleen Henneberry and Bea Snyder attended an immigration rally supporting families in Davenport.*





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*Called to live the Gospel message  
in simplicity, humility and joy.*

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Wednesday 11:40 am

Sunday 10:00 am

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March 8-14, 2018

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Saturday, March 9, 2018  
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An opportunity to listen and  
be listened to.