

## The Sisters of Humility go West

by Sister Mary Rehmann, CHM

*[This is the second in a series of four articles about the 150-year history of the Sisters of Humility in the U.S.]*

In less than a decade after their 1864 arrival in the United States, the Sisters of Humility were offered another missionary opportunity. John Joseph Hogan, Bishop of the new diocese of St. Joseph in Missouri, wrote a letter to Father John Bégel, co-founder of the Sisters of Humility, asking for sisters to come from Pennsylvania to teach in his diocese.

As a border state during the Civil War, Missouri was torn by strife between those for or against slavery. All aspects of life were disrupted. Lacking funds, schools were closed. Families were disrupted by the war whose toll of dead and wounded exceeded any other conflict. In the absence of fathers and older brothers, children lacked healthy adult role models. At the request of

both Catholic and Protestant parents, Bishop Hogan had opened a school in Chillicothe, MO, where he taught the older students and, in turn, the older students taught the younger ones.

Bishop Hogan had difficulty finding sisters to teach in rural schools and poor villages. Members of the August Gladioux family, who had moved from Louisville, OH, to Chillicothe, told their pastor about the Humility Sisters. The pastor then spoke to Hogan who thought the sisters might be the answer to his need. Following correspondence with Bégel, four sisters, including Sr. Mary of the Angels, made the trip west from Pennsylvania. They arrived in Easton, MO, in mid-September 1870. Sr. Mary was one of the 11 sisters who had come from France in 1864. The other three sisters had made their vows within the previous year. Fifteen sisters remained in New Bedford, PA, as the community had already grown in that short time.

Three more sisters, including two who had just made first vows, arrived in December 1870. Mother Mary, as Bishop Hogan called her, went with them to open the school in Chillicothe at Christmas time. However, it was closed a year later as the promised convent and school did not materialize.

Bishop Hogan had recommended to Bégel that property be purchased in the diocese to make the foundation more permanent. Hogan realized that the religious community's growth would depend on new members from the west. Therefore, he obtained property for the sisters in Easton; they paid him five dollars for the deed. Mother Mary signed Articles of Incorporation on February 6, 1872. The sisters had permission to accept new members but Mother Anna, Mother Superior of the Pennsylvania community, insisted that they make their novitiate year before profession in Pennsylvania. Four local women had already entered the community, three of whom were eventually to become Mothers General of the western Sisters of Humility.

With the Chillicothe school closed, Bishop Hogan asked the sisters to open a school in Liberty, now a suburb of Kansas City. Mother Mary and two sisters did so in April 1873. A year later Mother Mary wrote to Hogan that, with the agreement of the people, she would begin raising money for a building. On April 11, 1874, "The Liberty Tribune" wrote, "The Catholics never half-do

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*Photos: Mother Mary of the Angels  
and the 2nd CHM Motherhouse in  
Liberty, Missouri, 1874.*

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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.

*For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

*-Jeremiah 29:11*

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Dear Friends,

As spring tries to overtake the bitter cold and snow we've been experiencing for several months, I think it is appropriate for us to look at our human challenges as we try to move into a better future. All around us we see people struggling to move forward in an environment that can seem cold and bleak, whether through spiritual, economic, political, physical, environmental or other limiting factors in our collective journey.

The good news is that regardless of the environment, there are committed persons ready to step forward and address the needs in one way or another. In this issue of "The Flame" you will see names of many who give of themselves and their resources to support ministries of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary. We are so grateful for your partnership in our efforts "to be attentive to the call of the spirit in the signs of our times, especially the needs of the poor and the powerless" (excerpt from the CHM Mission Statement). We thank you and look forward to continued collaboration.

Another reason to celebrate is that this year the Congregation is completing 150 years of service in the United States. We are celebrating the blessings of God who has accompanied us on this journey as well as our own contributions toward the creation of a better world. The second segment of a four-part series about the CHM history is the lead article of this issue.

The Leadership Team, that is, the CHM President and Cabinet, have been dedicating extra time in recent months to shape a process for the Sisters to engage more intensely in a long-range planning effort. Just as we "celebrate the legacy", we must also "pursue the vision", charting our response to God's call in the next ten years. We welcome your prayers for the success of this important venture.

*Blessings,*

*Sister Johanna Rickl  
CHM President*



## CHM 150th Anniversary Events

### **Friday, April 4, 7pm**

**Teilhard de Chardin:**

**Scientist, Priest Mystic (1881-1955)**

**Presenter: Father Don Goergen, OP**

**sponsored by The Prairie Retreat**

at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Davenport, Iowa.

For reservations call 563-336-8414.

### **Saturday, April 26, 7 pm**

**“Climate Action Now -**

**The Moral Challenge Of Our Time”**

**Presenter: IA State Senator Robb Hogg**

**sponsored by CHM Care of Earth Comm.**

at Humility of Mary Center.

### **Thursday, May 1, 5pm-7pm**

**Humility of Mary Housing, Inc.**

**(HMHI), 25th Anniversary Launch**

A public open house and thank you celebration for community support at HMHI Office and Donation Center 3805 Mississippi Ave., Davenport, Iowa.

### **Saturday, May 24**

**Indian Hills Community College**

Anniversary celebration on the Ottumwa, IA, campus—the site of the former motherhouse of the CHM congregation.

### **Saturday, June 28, 5 pm**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**by Bishop Martin Amos**

In Christ the King Chapel at

St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa.

### **Saturday, October 11**

**Great Falls, Montana**

Service at cemetery followed by reception.

### **Sunday, October 12**

**Lewistown, Montana**

Mass and reception.

**Call 563-323-9466 for more information.**

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anything they attempt in the school line, and....The sisters...come recommended as accomplished teachers and cultivated ladies.”

The new building was larger than originally planned with class rooms, dining room and kitchen on the first floor and living quarters for the sisters and boarding students on the second. Jeanne Gladieux, from the family that first suggested inviting the Humility sisters to Missouri, attended this school even though there was another Catholic school in Chillicothe.

From the time the community was separately incorporated, Hogan had been talking to Mother Mary, not to Bégel, about opening new schools. Having heard rumors about possible division of the two religious communities, Fr. Bégel went to Missouri in August 1874, taking a sister with him whom he intended to appoint and leave there as superior. Mother Mary would return with him to New Bedford. Upon meeting Bishop Hogan, Bégel was informed by the Bishop that he planned to write to Rome and seek approval for a separate Missouri institute. There were several reasons for this, primarily the depressed economy and the high cost of communicating between Pennsylvania and Missouri. Following a retreat in Easton, Fr. Bégel returned to Pennsylvania with only two sisters, the one he intended to leave as superior and just one of the original seven.

Bégel then asked Mother Anna to go to Easton to bring back all of the sisters who wanted to return; those who chose not to return would no longer be members of the New Bedford community. In October 1874 Mother Anna went to Missouri and four sisters, including novice Sr. Francis, returned east with her. Having learned that Mother Mary was in Liberty and that she intended to establish a new community in January, Mother Anna

did not go to Liberty. One can only imagine the conflicted feelings of each of these women as Mother Anna and Mother Mary had been close friends. Sr. Francis took music lessons from Mother Anna, was professed in Pennsylvania, and taught at least a year there before returning to Missouri.

Soon after the separation, the Missouri sisters changed from their bright blue habit to a black one. It was difficult to procure the blue material plus the black color was less conspicuous. Changes were also made by Bishop Hogan to correct errors in the English translation of their rule, and copies were given to all sisters.

During all this time the sisters lived the missionary life. With only two or three sisters at any one place, their lives were quite isolated. The sisters grew much of their food and cut wood for cooking and heating. They walked to school and church, no matter the distance. Upon arriving at a new location, the living and school accommodations were often minimal. Since Catholic families were usually in the minority, they taught Protestant children as well.

When Mother Mary went to Liberty the residence became the principal Missouri convent instead of Easton. Because there were so few priests, Mass was offered only one Sunday a month although the sisters offered catechetical instruction every Sunday. All of the sisters, except Mother Mary, were “young professed” in that they entered the community in the U.S. and had lived under their vows for only two or three years. Mother Mary knew that, for the community to thrive, new candidates, as well as the other sisters, needed more access to the sacraments and to education and training.

*The next issue of the Flame will reveal how these needs were addressed.*

# Sprinkled with Star Dust

by Kathleen Storms, SSND, Director, Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat

Sister Cathy Talarico, CHM, in "One Among Many" (a tribute to Sister Bernadine Pieper and the Sisters of Humility written by Kathleen Mullen, 2012) captures the heart of Bernadine in this one simple phrase:

"She was the earthiest woman I have ever known, an earth woman sprinkled with stardust."

Bernadine's "stardust" is displayed by how she, partnering with other Sisters of Humility, Father Vincent Fabula, Sister Joann Kuebrich, CHM, and many volunteers, fashioned "The Prairie" into a spiritual haven for those seeking serenity and peace in their lives. Her love of Earth and people, her commitment to lift people up and improve their lives continues to shine in the lives of those connected with The Prairie.

Throughout its history The Prairie has grown and thrived with the support of a constellation of volunteers:

- Boy Scouts who created, trimmed and enhanced the trails, positioned benches, birdhouses and cosmic walk markers
- Carpenters who etched wooden crosses for each room
- Knights of Columbus who housed and placed the Stations of the Cross,
- Labyrinth designers who positioned and created this

sacred walking path

- Antique dealers who scoured through barns and basements for furniture to embellish the Victorian House
- Landscapers who laid out, planted and trimmed multiple gardens which rendered erodible hillsides into places of beauty
- Gardeners and growers who till and toil to insure that The Prairie has a bountiful source of locally grown foods to serve to guests
- Donors of memorial statues, benches, swing and gazebo who honor their loved ones and provide serene resting places
- Neighbors who are a steady presence and source of encouragement and practical assistance
- Hospitality providers and cleaners who welcome guests and are shining examples of love in action
- New Horizons of Faith

Board members and Advisory Committee members who ensure the ongoing vibrancy of the ministry of The Prairie.

What would Sister Bernadine say if she saw The Prairie today? I am sure she would flare forth with a grand applause and burst of gratitude. It is this sprinkling of stardust, from hundreds of volunteers since the birthing of The Prairie in 1997, that sparks our mission. For this shining example, we are grateful.



*"We are put in the garden to till and care for it, not destroy it."  
(Gen. 2:15)*



*Photos: A constellation of volunteers through the years have made it possible for Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat to grow and thrive.*



# Giving Back

by Karen Brooke, CHM Development Director

Patricia Kilgore learned early the importance of shared blessings and the grace that comes with giving. As a young girl she liked to baby-sit, so she asked her father how she could get more families to call her to baby-sit. Her father gave her wonderful advice; he told her to give 10% of her earnings to her church every Sunday and more business would follow. She trusted him and followed his wise words. Not only did it work, but it has become her lifelong philosophy of doing business and generosity.

*Being flexible and open to change, trusting in God's presence, and knowing who's really in charge allows for growth and infinite possibilities.*

The Sisters of Humility were also an important influence on Patricia beginning in grade school. Patricia, daughter of Charles and Beverly Smith of Bettendorf, Iowa, and her four siblings all attended Lourdes Catholic School. Her first grade teacher was Sr. Celeste Funaro, a CHM nun in full habit, as was the custom of the time. Sister emphasized reading, and Patricia, being a good reader, was rewarded by being allowed to "brush the habit." This was an honor because as Patricia recalls, "In our minds a sister's habit was magical

and somewhat mysterious, and we were helping keep her 'uniform' at its best. It made us feel special, and we worked harder."

Sr. Jude Fitzpatrick, then a young music teacher at Lourdes, went from teacher to treasured friend. Patricia remarks, "When my father passed away last October, Sr. Jude drove from Des Moines to the Quad Cities for his Wake service. Her presence and kindness meant so much to me and my family."

After Lourdes, Patricia attended and graduated from Assumption High School. Under the influence of the BVM sisters she visited and was accepted at Mundelein College in Chicago. In her junior year she met her future husband. It was the Viet Nam War era, so when her husband enlisted in the service, Patricia returned to Bettendorf to live with her parents.

Patricia had always wanted to be a classroom teacher and since Mundelein didn't have an education program, Marycrest College, by both location and the fact it offered an education major, was the natural choice. It turned out to be a perfect fit. As a young bride in a college setting she didn't have many friends. Sr. Michelle Schiffigens became her friend and mentor. Sr.



*A graduate of Marycrest College, Patricia Kilgore learned life lessons from the Sisters of Humility that she uses to this day.*

Michelle was not only a supportive instructor, but she was also engaged in broader education issues of the day, often inviting Patricia to participate with her when she presented at conferences. "Here was a strong, independent woman, so together and articulate. I not only learned how to be a good teacher, but also how to present myself. She was a huge influence on my life, a grace-filled brilliant sister who paved the way for so many women of our generation."

After graduating from Marycrest in 1972, Patricia taught in the classroom for ten years. She then continued her studies at St. Ambrose University, receiving an

MBA. She and her family subsequently moved to Chicago and she took a job with a large corporation. In 1995, she founded her own very successful public relations company, where she continues today.

In her words, "I am still using the skills I learned at Marycrest. Mentoring is an important part of my career; my classroom is larger and the students are taller, but many of the lessons are the same. Being flexible and open to change, trusting in God's presence and knowing who's really in charge allows for growth and infinite possibilities."

Every year Patricia continues to give back 10% of her company's profits to the Sisters of Humility in honor of the influence they have had on her life, as well as to other charities that are close to her heart— and her company continues to thrive.

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Dr. Betty Whitted  
Sue Witte

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my Spirit rejoices in God my Savior who has looked with favor on this lowly servant...the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is God's name.*

*-Luke 1:46-50*

Do you have a story of how a Sister of Humility influenced your life? The CHM 150th planning committee is collecting remembrances for our celebration. We are also interested in your vision for us in this 21st century. Please email your thoughts to [mrehmann@chmiowa.org](mailto:mrehmann@chmiowa.org) or mail to 820 W. Central Park Ave., Davenport, IA 52804, ATTN: Sr. Mary Rehmann. Please include contact information. Thank you.

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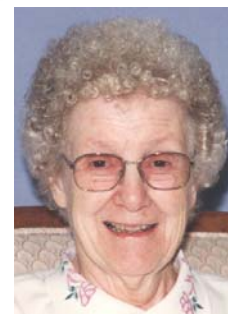
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Sister Marilyn Reyes  
March 2, 1919 - January 28, 2014



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June 1, 1921 - January 13, 2014

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