

Sisters Celebrate Close of Centennial Year

n Oct. 12, 2013, the Ladysmith Servite Sisters celebrated the closing of the 100th anniversary of the founding of their congregation. Around 70 Servite Friars, Mantellate Servite Sisters, Secular Servites, Servite Lay Diakonia, Servite CoJourners, and friends joined the Sisters for the celebration.

The event, which took place at Techny Towers Conference and Retreat Center in Techny, Ill., began with a key-



Theologian and National Catholic Reporter columnist Jamie Manson speaking about the Catholic sacramental view of the world.

note address by Jamie Manson on "The Catholic Sacramental View of the World: Recognizing the Church We Already Are."

Manson is a nationally renowned author and speaker. She writes a weekly column for the National Catholic Reporter, addressing the plight of the poor, the future of the church, issues of gender and sexual orientation, and ways of finding God's presence in our everyday lives.

In her address she pointed

out that the Catholic Church is a sacramental church that offers a sacramental view of the world – a view that affirms that all of creation, and especially humans, are co-creators with God.

She spoke at length about the depth of spirituality in today's young people and how they are growing up in a spiritual marketplace where they have a myriad of denominational choices in which they can express that spirituality. They want to be tied to the Catholic tradition, but not in extreme orthodoxy and obedience. They are hungry for community and seek small non-hierarchical communities dedicated to justice.

She addressed issues in the church in which she sees hope and healthy dialogue. On the issue of women's role in the church, however, she said, "so far that has been a monologue."

Following her talk, Manson entertained questions from the group for more than half an hour.

Manson's presentation was followed by a Eucharistic



Centennial guests Mantellate Servite Sister Maria Teresa Musto and Servite Friar Michael Guiman

Liturgy. Father John Fontana, prior provincial of the U.S. Servite Friars, presided. In his homily, he observed: "It has been the women of our [Servite] family, and the women of the

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Ladysmith Servite Sister Sean Fox with Secular Servites Thomas Ploog and Bruce Almeroth. Bruce and his wife Lillian are also a Servite Lay Diakonia family.

Lives of Compassionate Service

am often asked by those who don't know our community, "What is it you do?" "What is your apostolate?" "What is your ministry?"

The question arises from the way religious communities were identified in the past, as teaching orders, nursing orders, contemplative orders, and so on. The truth is, most communities

were always more than what they happened to be doing at any particular time, and the same is true for us.

Our first sisters came to Ladysmith in 1912 at the invitation of the Servite Friars, who were in need of teachers for the new

parochial school. Soon after, the sisters were approached by the townspeople, who were in need of a hospital for the area. When three little girls in Ladysmith lost their parents, our sisters took them in and raised them as their own. Teaching, nursing, care of orphans, all were part of our early works – along with operating a farm to provide food for the hospital and feeding the hobos (we called them St. Joes) who found their way from the railroad tracks to the convent door.

As you browse through this issue of Servite Sisters Today, you will see that we continue to be engaged in a variety of works, works that reflect – in the words of Vatican II – the "signs of the times" in both content and scope. Sister Cecilia is working to improve the lives of migrants in Rusk County; Sister Rita recently traveled to Uganda, where she ministered to orphaned and disadvantaged children; and Sister Virginia will soon be on her way to Nicaragua to bring eyeglasses to people living in poverty. Though our works have changed over the years, the spirit that inspires them remains the same. As Servants of Mary, we strive to live lives of compassionate service, following the example of Mary.

Our charism is captured in these words from our Principles of Religious Life: "Women in the Church, we look to Mary,



the power of womanhood. Like her we value life to the full and are open to the unknowns of God's will. Like her we are Christ-bearers to the world, attentive at Cana, compassionate at Calvary, empowered for Church at Pentecost."

Our story as Ladysmith Servite Sisters mirrors that of other communities of women religious. A new documentary, "Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America" (www. womenandspirit.org), tells the story of the courageous, dedicated women religious who responded to the needs of a growing nation. Watch for it on **NBC's** "Horizons of the Spirit" series, or go to the website for information on how to purchase a copy.



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Sister Theresa Sandok, OSM

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Servites Return to St. Domitilla Convent



he Secular Servite Community of Sts. Alexis and Juliana in Hillside, Ill., needed a permanent meeting place. For the past five years they have met wherever they could find an available space—the church, sacristy, school library, etc. Now they have the convent.

The convent, built in 1960, has room to sleep 24, a chapel, living and dining room, three parlors, and a recreation room in the basement. It had been virtually empty since 2007 when the last Servite Sister serving the parish, Sister Anne Patrice McEntegart, retired. The Sisters had ministered in the parish since 1927. The Secular Servites cleaned the convent from top to bottom before their first meeting in it on July 14, 2013. They prayed in the chapel, had lunch in the dining room, and had their meeting in the living room. Following the meeting they went to the recreation room to view a DVD.

Among their ministries, the group has "adopted" the St. Juliana side altar at the Servite Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows in Chicago. They plan to keep the altar always clean and well maintained.

Sister Margaret Valois, pictured above in the front row, fouth from left, serves as assistant to the Hillside Secular Servites.

Servite Leaders Attend Global Sisters' Gathering

The International Union of Superiors General (UISG) Assembly, which takes place every three years, met in Rome on May 3–7, 2013. The theme of the conference was: "It shall not be so among you" (Mt. 20:26): Authority According to the Gospel.

Presenters reflected on Jesus who modeled servant leadership, on graced companionship as a metaphor for religious leadership, and on the authority of those who suffer. Over 800 leaders of orders of Catholic sisters from around the world participated in the assembly, including five Servites: Sister Marie Thérèse Connor (London/ Cuves), Sister Maria Nadia Padovan (Riparatrici), Sister Theresa Sandok (Ladysmith), Sister Umberta Salvadori (Chioggia), and Sister Mirella Nardi (Ravenna). On Wednesday, May 8, the group had a private audience with Pope Francis in the Vatican's Pope Paul VI Hall. The pope made note of the gathering's theme of servant leadership, saying the essence of power is service..





Sister Casimira Benbenek 1942–2013

Sister Casimira Benbenek, 70, died Sept. 28, 2013, at Avanti Health & Rehabilitation Center in Minocqua, Wis., following a long battle with mul-



tiple health-related issues. She was born in Chicago on Nov. 23, 1942. She grew up on a farm near Hazelhurst, Wis., and attended Lakeland Union High School in Minocqua. She joined the Servants of Mary in 1960 and professed first vows in 1962.

Sister earned a bachelor's degree from Mount Senario College, Ladysmith, and a master's in pastoral studies from Loyola University, Chicago. She is a graduate of St. Norbert's Theological Institute, DePere, Wis., and she also studied at DePaul University, Chicago; the University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, Minn.; and the University of Wisconsin–Superior.

She spent 33 years as an elementary school teacher in Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. She ministered as a district instructor for the Archdiocese of Chicago, coordinator of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, director of religious education, and director of Teens Encounter Christ retreats. She served on the boards of the Wisconsin Directors of Religious Education Federation and Teens Encounter Christ and as an officer of the Superior Diocesan Sisters Council. She was also a voucher volunteer and bell ringer for the Salvation Army.

She was preceded in death by her parents Charles J. and Veronica Benbenek. She is survived by her brothers Henry (Theresa) of Stone Park IL, MSG US Army Ret Charles P. (Diane) of Lake Tomahawk, Eugene (Laura) of Lake Tomahawk, and Joseph of Lake Tomahawk, and her Servite sisters. She was the loving aunt of many nieces and nephews.



sisters Rosanne Fogarty and Loretta Lonsdorf prepare to begin their Security Patrol session in Sun City Center, Fla., where they live. Once a month for three hours they patrol a section of the city to help provide safety for their friends and neighbors. Sister Rosanne also drives three times each month for Sun City Rides, which offers transportation to doctors, salons, grocery stores, etc.



Cassie's Cow

hen seventeen-year-old Casimira "Cassie" Benbenek told her mother Veronica that she wanted to enter the convent, Veronica was not eager to see her only daughter go off to become a nun. Another obstacle for the family was where to get the money for Cassie's dowry, which her parents were expected to give to the convent when she entered. The Benbenek children each had a special farm animal to care for, and Cassie's animal was a cow. That spring Cassie's cow gave birth to twins, a rare event, which Veronica took as a sign from God that her daughter was destined for the convent. The sale of one of the calves provided the money for Cassie's dowry.

Sister Receives Lions' Highest Honor



sister Virginia Schwartz recently received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, the highest form of recognition conferred on an individual by Lions Clubs International. The award, which recognizes an individual for outstanding humanitarian service, is named after Chicago businessman Melvin Jones, who founded the Lions in 1917.

Sister Virginia, who ministers as parish director at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Cable, Wis., has been a member of the Cable Area Lions Club for 16 years. She has participated in at least ten Wisconsin Lions Eye Missions to Mexico and plans to accompany the Lions on a mission to Nicaragua next February. On these missions, the Lions provide eye exams and distribute used eyeglasses to thousands of needy men, women, and children. Sister Virginia says: "These mission experiences always give me a surge of energy and keep me focused on what other folks do not have."

Servite Sisters Leaders in Socially Responsible Investing

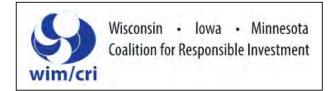
he Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota / Coalition for Responsible Investment (WIM/CRI) is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

The Ladysmith Servite Sisters are one of the three groups of the original seven still active in WIM/CRI, which created the Corporate Responsibility Action Group (CRAG), the first CRI of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) in the country.

Capuchin Father Michael Crosby pioneered the establishment of WIM/CRI. Servite Sister Rosemary Mayer was one of the founders.

Recalling the beginning of CRAG and WIM/CRI, Sister Rosemary said, "Father Mike approached the Wisconsin Treasurers of Religious Congregations. He was concerned about some of the unjust practices of some of our nation's big corporations. Since religious groups had money invested in some of these corporations, he felt we should pay attention to what our funds might be supporting. We believed that if we worked together as a bloc we could help build a more just and sustainable world by integrating social values into our investment actions."

Investors receive notices of corporate annual meetings with shareholder resolutions to be presented at meetings. Members of ICCR, working as a group, are able to propose resolutions



and raise social justice concerns. They also have the option, as a group, to move their money to more socially responsible institutions.

Servite Sisters Mary John VanderLoop and Mary Pat Hill were active in the organization after Sister Rosemary. Today Franciscan Sister Kathy Kreie represents the Ladysmith Servite Sisters on WIM/CRI and does the proxy voting for them and for her own community, the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Francis, Wis.



Servite Sister Appointed to Bishop's Advisory Council

Sister Theresa Sandok, president of the Ladysmith Servite Sisters, has been appointed by the Leadership Conference



of Women Religious to be a representative on the National Advisory Council of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The National Advisory Council, which has been called "the church in miniature," was formed three years after Vatican II in order to assist the bishops by represent-

ing the national picture of the church in various ways. The 56-member council includes 30 lay persons representing the fifteen geographical regions of the bishops' conference, as well as men and women religious, bishops, priests, and deacons.

The council meets twice a year to review and offer recommendations about matters before the bishops' conference and to propose items for the bishops' consideration. Appointments are for a four-year term. Sister Theresa's first meeting with the council was in Baltimore in March 2013.

"I feel very privileged to be a part of this group," said Sister Theresa. "We are in a unique position to inform and influence the leadership of the church. The bishops created the National Advisory Council, and they want to hear what we think."

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church, who have usually led the way...which gives us even more reason to gratefully celebrate *with* you, and to celebrate *you* today." The Eucharist was followed by a reception and banquet.

In the fall of 1912, five pioneer women arrived in Ladysmith to teach at the new St. Mary's School (now Our Lady of Sorrows School) and to establish a new congregation of Servite Sisters in America. Over the years the Ladysmith Servite Sisters have touched the lives of thousands of people worldwide in teaching, healing, pastoral, and social justice ministries.



Jubilee!

Sister Celebrates 80 Years of Religious Profession

ister Mary Veronica Davison celebrated her 80th jubilee of religious profession this year, the first Sister to reach that milestone in the community's 100-year history. At age 97, she is also the oldest living member of the community. Born in Chippewa Falls, Wis., she grew up in Rice Lake and attended summer catechism classes taught by Servite Sisters. She entered the convent in 1931 at age 15 and made her first profession of vows in 1933. Sister

holds a doctorate in music history from the University of Minnesota and spent 65 years in active ministry. She taught music courses, directed choral groups, and gave private lessons to students at all levels. She worked in the archives of the Servite Friars in the United States and Italy. Prior to retiring at age 83, she worked in the office at Servite High School in Anaheim, Cal. She now



Sister Mary Veronica Davison

resides at Addolorata Villa, Wheeling, Ill., where she continues to enjoy her lifelong passion for reading. Reflecting on her vocation fifteen years ago, she wrote: "By the grace of God I never waffled or looked back and am still here.... I am filled with an enormous sense of gratitude for all God's gifts, for my call to the religious life as a Servant of Mary with its ups and downs, and for the grace to persevere this far, and I trust God to continue this grace. Deo gratias!"

Ladysmith Servite Sisters Bonnie Alho and Dolores Henke with Benedictine Father Jim Reichert at the centennial banquet.

Hispanic Ministry Takes Root in Rusk County

hen Sister Cecilia Fandel moved back to Ladysmith after 25 years in Chicago, where she had ministered in a multi-cultural neighborhood on the far north side, she made some interesting discoveries.

She learned that 40 percent of the dairy industryinWisconsin depends on foreign labor. More than 5,000 migrant workers and 1,000 dependents arrive seasonally to work in agricultural, canning, and food processing industries. Census data shows that between 2000 and 2010 the Hispanic population in Rusk County grew by 49 percent. Migrants cope with grueling hours and isolation from those who share their language and culture.

Sister Cecilia brought this situation to the attention of Father Gene Murphy, pastor of the Rusk County Catholic Community, and together they initiated a Hispanic Outreach Ministry. The goal of the ministry is to welcome migrant workers to the Catholic community, offer them liturgical, sacramental, and catechetical services, and provide information about the county services available to them.



Therese Velasquez Tindol and son David manage the grills at Fiesta de Verano

A core group of parish staff and Spanishspeaking parishioners helped to identify and build relationships with area farmers who use foreign labor. Last year on Dec. 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the first gathering of Hispanics took place at St. Mary's Church in Bruce, Wis. Families from six farms gathered for Mass, refreshments, and a piñata for the children.

That gathering brought to light the need that parents with children have for



Participants in the pilgrimage for immigration reform

sacramental preparation. During Lent, Deacon Craig Volberg and Dr. Cecilia Placencia provided instruction for parents, and two children were baptized the Sunday after Easter.

The community celebrated Fiesta de Verano (Summerfest) on Aug. 11 at SS. Peter and Paul Church in Weyerhaeuser, Wis. Outreach staff used the occasion to provide information in Spanish about county resources.

On Oct. 10, 18 adults and 11 students participated in a pilgrimage for immigration reform organized by Sister Cecilia Fandel OSM, Sister Pat Cormack, SCSC, and the social justice committee of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic parish in Ladysmith. They gathered at the Wausau offices of Representative Sean Duffy to share information and experiences regarding the state of immigration in the area and in the country, and to urge Congressman Duffy to work for comprehensive immigration reform.

"This new ministry is bringing joy and new life to our Catholic community," said Sister Cecilia. "We will all grow in our faith and service as we welcome and integrate the Hispanics into our parish cluster."

Sister Rita: Novice Mistress and Missionary

hen St Mary of Vernon Parish in Indian Creek, Ill., announced that it would celebrate its 35th anniversary with a production of "The Sound of Music," parishio-

ner Sister Rita Stoeberl, OSM decided to audition for the musical. She landed the part of Sister Berthe, the novice mistress.

The cast and orchestra were composed primarily of parishioners. Parishioners also produced, directed, and choreographed the performance, served as lighting and sound crew, and worked as stage hands. Even the pastor, Father Joe Curtis, had a role. He played the cunning Max Detweiler, who enrolled the von Trapp family in the Salzburg Music Festival.

"The production was a real community builder," said Sister Rita. "We became a family almost as idyllic as the von Trapp family."

Shortly after the final curtain of "The Sound of Music," Sister Rita was off to Uganda for a three-week mission trip with three other women from COVE Alliance (Children's Outreach and Vocational Education).

COVE Alliance originated as one man's dream and has become a growing network of caring, gifted people working together to create a place where orphaned and disadvantaged children of Kapeeka, Uganda, have access to food, healthcare, housing, and education Hilary Muheezangango was studying for the priesthood at Mundelein Seminary in 2003. He began spending time with parishioners at St. Mary of Vernon nearby, sharing his stories



Sister Rita interviewing Scovia, a student at the COVE Alliance mission in Uganda



ings COVE Alliance was founded to support COVE's mission in Uganda.

Sister Rita and her missionary friends conducted basic physicals at the health center, visited families and students, and wrote to sponsoring U.S. families about their students' progress. The missionaries painted school and dispensary buildings and pitched in to help with whatever else needed to be done. They also built in a couple of days for sightseeing.

When Sister Rita is not practicing her thespian or missionary skills, she ministers as an occupational therapist at Addolorata Villa in Wheeling, Ill. She also serves as coordinator for the Servite Sisters at the Villa, caring for their physical and spiritual needs.



Sister Rita Stoebrel as Sister Berthe, far right. "How do you hold a moonbeam in your hand?"

Servite Legacy in Tampa

The Mary Alphonse Bradley Fund awarded a \$30,000 grant to Alpha House of Tampa to develop a learning center, which in turn made it possible for Alpha to receive funding from Hillsborough County to establish a Parents as Teachers program.

lpha offers homeless pregnant women and mothers with young children safe housing and help to become self-sufficient and responsible parents. Its Parents as Teachers program is a child development program to increase parents' knowledge of early child development and improve their parenting skills.

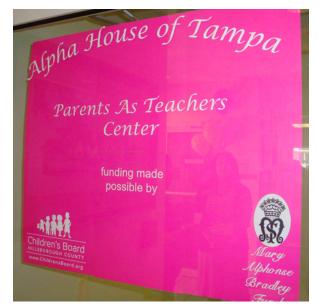
The Parents as Teachers learning center is located in the Rosalie Center, a facility named after Alpha's first executive director, Servite Sister Rosalie Hennessey, whose inspired leadership established Alpha on a solid foundation. The logos of both the Mary Alphonse Bradley

Fund and the Hillsborough County's Children's Fund appear on the door of the learning center, indicating the private-public partnership that enabled Alpha to offer the program.

Sister Jeannine Percy, who sponsored the grant, and Joan Clarke, a member of the Mary Alphonse Bradley Grants Committee, participated in the ribbon-cutting to open the learning center.

The Mary Alphonse Bradley Fund is a ministry of the

Ladysmith Servite Sisters that provides assistance for human and societal needs, with an emphasis on women and children.



Sister Discovers Power of Phone Campaigns



Sister Barbara Thomalla

rom August to November 2012, hundreds of volunteers called hundreds of thousands of voters across Minnesota to voice opposition to the Photo ID amendment on the November ballot. Servite Sister Barbara Thomalla was one of those callers. She volunteered in the phone campaign as part of ISAIAH, a Minnesota coalition of religious groups that worked successfully to stop what they perceived as a "voter restriction" amendment.

"I really enjoyed the people who wanted to engage in a brief conversation," said Sister Barbara. "Many of them didn't know the facts about the issue or how they planned to vote. I gave them a few facts and helped them become informed voters."

Last March Sister Barbara participated in a similar phone campaign, this time asking citizens to call their legislators and urge them to support the Homeowner's Bill of Rights, which would require banks to ban improper mortgage servicing and foreclosure practices, and to work with troubled homeowners to discuss alternatives to foreclosure. She discovered that many of those she called were unaware of the bill and had never contacted a legislator. "After a brief conversation," she said, "they felt confident to make a statement in support of the bill, and I was able to connect them directly to a legislator's voice mail." The bill passed both houses of the legislature by an overwhelming margin.

According to Sister Barbara, there's a lesson in this for all of us: "Making personal connections with people and offering them a bit more information about an issue is particularly effective in making change in our society." We are deeply grateful to you, our donors, and hold you in our prayer. If your name has been inadvertently omitted or misspelled, please notify us.



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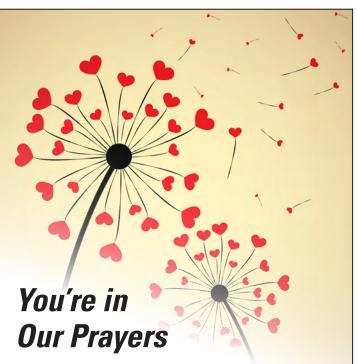
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How do you define retirement?

ister Bonnie Alho defines – or rather lives – her retirement volunteering.

She is a hospital volunteer at Lakeview Medical Center in Rice Lake, Wis. She serves in the surgical waiting rooms being with people who are waiting for someone in surgery. This means she has to arrive at the hospital at 6:30 a.m. to be there for 7:30 a.m. patient arrival. She offers a calming presence during often tense times.

She is in communication with doctors and nurses, and is present when the outcomes of surgery are made known, ready to rejoice with family and friends, or to console.

In three and a half years she has logged more than 1,000 volunteer hours. She is on call more during the winter months when many of the retired volunteers head south.

"I love the experience." She says. "I can't really call it a ministry. It's a blessing."

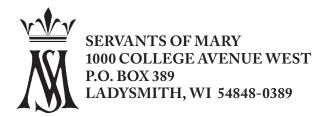
In addition to her hospital ministry Sister brings communion to five nursing facilities twice a month. Over the years she has come to know and love the residents of these facilities. "They have come to be a part of my life," she says.



Sister Bonnie Alho

On the first Thursday and Friday of each month she and thepastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Rice Lake bring communion to the homebound. On the fourth Tuesday of each month she leads a prayer service at Heritage Manor, a nursing and rehabilitation facility where she once spent two months recovering from knee replacement surgery.

"It is a privilege and a blessing for me to be a part of all these people's lives," says Sister Bonnie.



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Sister Mary John broadcasting the Good News

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