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## Servite Sisters Install New Leadership Team

The Ladysmith Servite Sisters installed a new leadership team for 2020–2024 during a Zoom gathering on Sept. 15.

Sister Mary Alice Willems, presider at the service, said, “Our predecessors could not have imagined a ceremony of this type even four years ago. Unfortunately, the pandemic necessitates it; fortunately, technology permits it.”

The members of the new leadership team are Sisters Sean Fox, Theresa Sandok, and Barbara Thomalla.

Sister Sean is beginning her fourth consecutive term in leadership. She previously worked as an attorney in the Chicago area, where she provided legal services to the bereaved and elderly in settling estates, and with disabled family members in planning for the disabled person’s care.

Sister Theresa has served as the order’s president since 2000 and will continue in that role. She was a professor of philosophy and dean of the college of arts and sciences at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky., where she also served as director of the Thomas Merton Center.

Sister Barbara recently retired from her ministry as a public health nurse with St. Paul Ramsey County Public Health. She served two previous terms on the leadership team and now returns for a third term.

The sisters chose September 15 as the installation date because it is the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, a special day for Servites worldwide.



(Clockwise from upper left) Sisters Sean Fox, Theresa Sandok, and Barbara Thomalla.



These three sisters were installed as the Leadership Team for 2020-2024 at the Sept. 15 Zoom ceremony.

## Nun Culture

By Cecilia Fandel, OSM

The telephone call came from out of the blue. It was Lexie, a former lifeguard at the pool where I swim regularly from 6-7 a.m. We would chat a bit each day, and sometimes she volunteered for community activities I was involved in.

Now, three years later, Lexie was a nursing student at St. Cloud University in Northern Minnesota. She asked if she and five other nursing students could do a Zoom interview with me for the final project of their Culture Groups class. “What’s the topic?” I asked. “Different cultures were

suggested,” she said, “and we chose the Nun culture.” I was intrigued and agreed to do the interview on condition that I received the questions ahead of time. I told her I would send her my answers in advance so that we would all have a base of information to start with.

Lexie sent me 18 questions under the title “Servants of Mary Culture,” beginning with: “What is your name?” and “Do you have any other names you go by?” The questions became increasingly more probing: “What culture(s) do

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# President's Message

## One By One



Alden Solovy is a liturgist, poet, and teacher. Last May the Central Conference of American Rab- bis asked him to write a prayer to remember and mourn those lost hearts and souls as the U.S. marked the sad milestone of ap- proaching 100,000 deaths from Covid-19. Today that number has more than doubled and shows no signs of slowing down. In memo- ry of all who have succumbed to this cruel virus and in sympathy with all whose hearts are broken by their loss, I share this prayer with you.

*S. Theresa*  
Sister Theresa Sandok, OSM



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June 2020

## *A Prayer as the Covid-19 Death Toll Mounts*

*By Alden Solovy*

God of consolation,  
Surely you count in heaven,  
Just as we count here on earth,  
In shock and in sorrow,  
The souls sent back to You,  
One-by-one,  
The dead from the Covid pandemic,  
As the ones become tens,  
The tens become hundreds,  
The hundreds become thousands,  
The thousands become ten-thousands  
And then hundred-thousands,  
Each soul, a heartbreak,  
Each soul, a life denied.

God of wisdom,  
Surely in the halls of divine justice  
You are assembling the courts,  
Calling witnesses to testify,  
To proclaim  
The compassion of some  
And the callousness of others  
As we've struggled to cope.  
The souls taken too soon,  
Whose funerals were lonely,  
Who didn't need to die,  
Who died alone,  
Will tell their stories  
When You judge  
Our triumphs  
And our failures  
In these hours of need.

God of healing,  
Put an end to this pandemic,  
And all illness and disease.  
Bless those who stand in service to humanity.  
Bless those who grieve.  
Bless the dead,  
So that their souls are bound up  
In the bond of life eternal.  
And grant those still afflicted  
With disease or trauma  
A completed and lasting healing,  
One-by-one,  
Until suffering ceases,  
And we can stop counting the dead,  
In heaven  
And on earth.



you belong to?” “What is your definition of a sister in the Servants of Mary culture?” “How did you become a part of this culture group?” “What do you feel is the most important thing about your culture?” I could see this was going to be an interesting interview.

Answering these questions prompted me to examine my 79 years of life through the various lenses of the many facets of being a nun. I discovered that I really had four different cultures all melded together: Family culture, Catholic culture, American culture, and Nun culture, which for me is the culture of religious life as lived through the charism of a Servant of Mary. Each of these cultures has marked me indelibly with particular traits, behaviors, customs, and values.

The six delightful women who interviewed me were not shy about asking questions or pressing me to expand on my written responses. I explained why I had two names, Cecilia Rose Fandel and Sister Mary Martin, and why I returned to my baptismal name. To do that I had to mention Vatican II and the new theology of religious life, in which becoming a nun is no longer seen as the start of a new life but as an extension of our life as baptized Christians.

I explained that a sister is someone who experiences an inner call from God to live her life for God. I told them about the many ways I had lived out this special call, starting out as a teacher in Catholic elementary schools, then as a social activist in Northern Wisconsin, and later as a community organizer in a poor, multicultural area of Chicago. I said that now that I’m back in Ladysmith I find myself challenged to help raise awareness and appreciation of the Native Americans on whose land we live and of the growing number of Hispanics who milk our cows, harvest our crops, and labor in our turkey, beef, and vegetable processing plants.

After the interview one of the students wrote to thank me for taking the time to help them with their project. She said, “Your knowledge and experiences will help shape us and our classmates’ future as nurses. We’re beyond blessed we were able to use you as a resource. I think each of us took something very valuable away from talking with you!”

Recently I emailed Lexie and asked how they did on their cultural project. She sent me a copy of their presentation and teacher evaluation. They received an A!



Sister Cecilia donned a sombrero for a Mexican fiesta at St. Mary’s Church, Bruce, Wis.



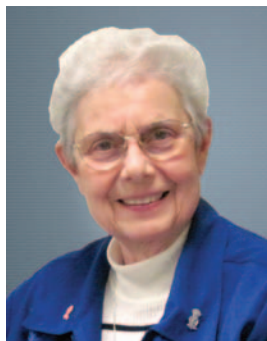
**Autumn Beauty** – Sister Cecilia captured this stunning scene during a chair lift ride at Christie Mountain northwest of Ladysmith.

# Jubilee:

## 70 Years

### **Sr. Mary Eugene Baiardo**

was born in Joliet, Ill. She entered religious life on July 16, 1947, and professed first vows on June 25, 1950. She holds a BS in sociology from Loyola University Chicago and MEd in curriculum from St. Xavier University, Chicago. She ministered for 54 years as an elementary school teacher in Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. She also served as a religious education teacher and resource person at SS. Cyril & Methodius School, Lemont, Ill. She is a Eucharistic minister and lector.



*A memory I have to share... One year we took our 8th graders to the nation's capitol. Some parents served as chaperons. We took the Illinois Central from Blue Island to Chicago and from there the overnight train to Washington, DC. A highlight of the trip for me was going to Mass at the beautiful National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The kids were great and the parents were real troopers.*

**Sr. Mary Dominica Effertz** was born in Weyerhaeuser, Wis. She entered religious life on June 19, 1948, and professed first vows on Aug. 16, 1950. She holds a BA in elementary education from Mount Senario College, Ladysmith, and an MA as a reading specialist from the University of Wisconsin-Superior. She also attended the Institute of Religious Studies at St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wis. She served for 50 years as an elementary school teacher and music minister in Weirton, W.Va., and Almena, Ladysmith, Washburn, and Spooner, Wis. She also ministered as a hospice volunteer and pastoral visitor



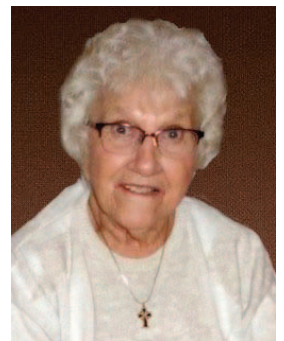
## 10 Sisters 620 Years of Service

to the sick and homebound. She is a spiritual assistant to Secular Servites and the Servite Lay Diakonia.

*A memory I have to share ... is a two-week Servite pilgrimage to Italy in 1995 with about 25 of our sisters. We were blessed to have Fr. Peregrine Graffius, OSM, as our tour guide. My favorite place was Mount Senario, the site of the monastery near Florence where our Seven Holy Founders lived and the place of origin of our Servite Order in 1233.*

### **Sr. Clarice (Mary Dolorosa) Gierzak**

was born in Detroit, Mich. She entered religious life on Sept. 19, 1948, and professed first vows on Aug. 16, 1950. She holds a BA in elementary Education from Mount Senario College, Ladysmith, an MA in educational leadership and administration from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and an EdS in education and leadership from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn. She also studied at the Duquesne University School of Music, Pittsburg, Pa. She ministered for 47 years as an elementary school teacher and principal in West Virginia, Wisconsin, Illinois, New Jersey, and Minnesota. She served as a pastoral minister and worked with impoverished children in Jamaica, Appalachia, and the Hmong community in St. Paul. She was a member of the Servants of Mary Leadership Team and is a spiritual assistant to the Servite Confraternity of Our Lady of Sorrows.



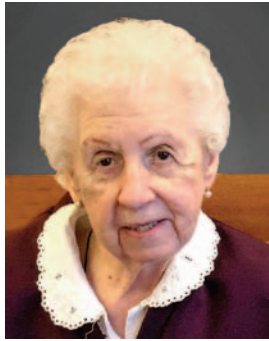
*A memory I have to share... The sixth-grade teacher in a school where I was principal assigned her students to write a persuasive letter. One student wrote to Minnesota Twins owner Carl Pohlad and dared him to come see all the Twins memorabilia in their classroom. Carl took the dare and arrived with Twins caps for everyone. He invited the whole school to the next Twins game and sent six buses to pick us up. We were paraded onto the infield at the Metrodome and greeted with signs blinking: "Welcome St. Jerome School – Maplewood."*



## **Sr. Margaret (Mary Jane) Valois**

was born in Chicago, Ill. She entered religious life on Oct. 15, 1948, and professed first vows on Aug. 16, 1950. She holds a BA in education from St. Catherine University, St. Paul, Minn., and an MA in education with a specialization in remedial reading from Duquesne University, Pittsburg, Pa. She ministered as an elementary school teacher for 47 years in Illinois,

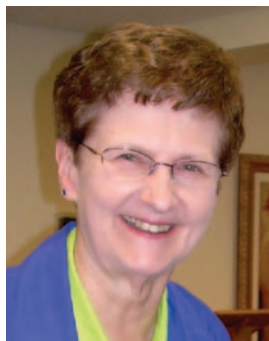
Minnesota, New Jersey, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. She also served as a religious education teacher, vocation director for the Servants of Mary, and assistant with the TEC, Cursillo, and Fiat programs in several states and the Diocese of Superior. She is a spiritual assistant to Secular Servites and the Servite Lay Diakonia.



*A memory I have to share... I recall putting on a play in 1984 depicting Christ's life: "He Lived the Good Life." The junior high students sang and danced the whole life of Jesus. The letters of thanks that I received from the students filled my heart with joy and love. With Mary, I can say, "He who is mighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name" (Luke 1:49).*

## **60 Years**

**Sr. Sean Fox** was born in Chicago, Ill. She entered religious life on Aug. 30, 1958, and professed first vows on June 20, 1960. She holds a BS in elementary education from Mount Senario College, Ladysmith; MEd from Loyola University Chicago; and JD from Northern Illinois University Law School. She participated in the National Science Grants Program at Roosevelt University, Chicago. She ministered as an elementary school teacher in Minnesota, New Jersey, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Illinois, and provided legal services to the elderly and to parents of adult children with special needs. She is a member of the Servants of Mary Leadership Team.



*A reflection I have to share... is my deep gratitude for my family of origin and for the opportunity to share 60*

*years of religious life as a Servant of Mary and within that time span to have served God's people in the fields of education and law.*

**Sr. Kateri Guske** was born in Washburn, Wis. She entered religious life on Aug. 30, 1958, and professed first vows on June 20, 1960. She holds a BS in elementary education from Mount Senario College, Ladysmith, and has taken extended classes

and workshops with an emphasis on children's learning and reading difficulties. She ministered for 49 years as an elementary school teacher in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, West Virginia, and New Jersey. She is a reading intervention instructor at Holy Rosary School, Medford, Wis.



*A memory I have to share... Our community once owned a farm in Ladysmith. One year six of us young nuns were out there on vacation. Before bedtime we lined up outside in the dark of night for the final trip to the privy. Sr. Sandy led the way with a lit candle, intoning, "Lumen Christi," to which we responded, "Deo gratias." Each took her turn on the throne, and Sandy lighted our way back to the cabin. The Easter vigil has never been the same for me since.*

**Sr. Jeannine Percy** was born in Chicago, Ill. She entered religious life on Aug. 30, 1958, and professed first vows on June 20, 1960. She holds a BS in psychology and Master of Religious Education from Loyola University Chicago, Master of Public Administration from the University of Colorado, and certifications in healthcare ministry sponsorship and governance. She ministered as an elementary and junior high teacher in Minnesota and Illinois and served in diocesan ministry in religious education, Catholic schools, and adult religious formation in the dioceses of Superior, Wisconsin, and Colorado Springs. In her final 25 years in active ministry, she served in hospital and health system administration in mission, strategic planning, and governance with Catholic Healthcare West in California and in governance consulting to



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support Catholic healthcare systems and religious congregational sponsors.

*A reflection I have to share... Reflecting on 60 years of ministry and the many opportunities I've had to support growth in individuals and organizations through service and leadership, vision and diligent work, I'm grateful for the blessing and joy it's been to journey with so many, to touch and be touched as our paths crossed, and to hopefully have made a difference.*

# Jubilee: 50 Years

## **Sr. Anita (Mary Christopher) Swansen**

was born in Almena, Wis. She entered religious life on Aug. 30, 1958, and professed first vows on June 20, 1960. She holds a BA from Mount Senario College, Ladysmith; certificate in pastoral ministry from Trinity College, Washington, DC; and Masters in Religious Education from Seattle University, Wash. She ministered as an elementary school teacher and principal in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and New Jersey. She served as a religious education coordinator, hospital pastoral care minister, and Metro Mobility driver. She was president of the Servants of Mary and a member of the board of directors of Servite Center for Life. She is a personal health care companion.



*A memory I have to share... When I was ten a visitor came to our classroom to talk about our future lives as Christians. She wore a black habit, and her veil came to a stiff sharp wedge at the middle of her forehead. What really caught my eye was the solid red stripe that outlined the wedge. I was ready to follow her to China and become a Maryknoll! Instead my path took me to the Servite sisters in Ladysmith, and this was the fork in the road I thank God I did not miss.*

Sr. Barbara Thomalla



**Sr. Rita Stoeberl** was born in Almena, Wis. She entered religious life on Aug. 25, 1967, and professed first vows on Aug. 15, 1970. She holds a BS in elementary education from Mount Senario College, Ladysmith, and a Master of Occupational Therapy from Western Michigan University. She ministered as an elementary school teacher in Minnesota and as an occupational therapist in rural Wisconsin and suburban Illinois. She participated in a missionary trip to Kapaka, Uganda, and served as coordinator for the Servite sisters at Addolorata Villa, Wheeling, Ill.



*A reflection I have to share... As I reflect on my 50 years as a Servite sister, I recall that I was once asked whether I entered to make my parents proud. I remember my dad saying, "We're proud you're there, but don't stay because of us." So no, it was always my decision. To this day I don't regret saying "yes" each day as a member of this community.*

**Sr. Barbara Thomalla** was born in St. Paul, Minn. She entered religious life on Aug. 25, 1967, and professed first vows on Aug. 15, 1970. She holds a BS in nursing from St. Catherine University, St. Paul, Minn., and an MA in pastoral studies from Aquinas Institute, St. Louis, Mo. She did hospital nursing in Kewaunee and Ladysmith, Wis., and Chicago, Ill., and public health nursing with the Visiting Nurse Association, Chicago, and St. Paul-Ramsey County Public Health. She was a member of the Servants of Mary Formation Team and now serves on the Leadership Team.

*A memory I have to share... I remember a night at St. Mary's Hospital in Kewaunee. I was assisting in the birth of a baby. The only other staff working with me reported an elderly person died at the exact same minute as the baby was born. At age 28 I marveled that one human takes a first breath while another takes a last breath. This happens everyday somewhere on this planet!*





**Deer Visitors** – The lawn around the sisters’ residence in Ladysmith is a favorite haunt of wildlife of all kind. Not only deer, but bears, foxes, and wild turkeys are regular visitors.



**Garden Delight** – Sr. Mary Rita Thompson enjoys the indoor starter garden at Ladysmith Care Community. According to the staff at LCC, “Through Mary Rita’s specialized attention the plants have really taken off.”

**New Secular Servites**

from left:



Janet Chladek, Rose Mary Stoerberl, and Carol Wozniak, seen here with Sr. Virginia Schwartz, were admitted to the St. Peregrine Community of the Servite Secular Order on Dec. 2, 2019, and made their promises on Oct. 5, 2020. Last Christmas, the St. Peregrine Community adopted Child Jesus School in Haiti as their giving project.



**Honorary Servite** – At a ceremony at Addolorata Villa in June, the Servants of Mary Leadership Team presented Ron Kilker with a plaque pronouncing him an honorary Servite “in appreciation for his friendship and compassionate presence throughout the years.” Ron retired as head of maintenance at the Villa after 18 years. The Servite sisters will miss Ron not only for his prompt responses to their calls but especially for the joy he brought to their days.



**Jubilee Picnic** – Three Servite sisters from the St. Paul area got together to celebrate their jubilees with a picnic in the park. Sr. Barbara Thomalla, who is celebrating 50 years of religious profession this year, snapped this photo of Sr. Clarice Gierzak, left, 70 years, and Sr. Anita Swansen, 60 years.



# In Memoriam

## Sr. Mary John VanderLoop (1918–2020)

Sr. Mary John died on March 23, 2020, at Lake Manor in Ladysmith. She was 101.

She was born on a farm east of Ladysmith on June 5, 1918, to George and Alice Reynders VanderLoop, the third of 13 children, and baptized Loretta Elizabeth. She had three brothers Paul, Theodore, and George, and eight sisters, Martina, Marie, Bernice (Sister Mary Bernice, OSM), Dorothy, Gertrude, Eunice, Audrey, Eileen, and Anne.

She attended Ladysmith High School and graduated as valedictorian in 1937. She studied at River Falls State Teachers College and earned a teaching certificate from Rusk County Normal School, an RN from St. Francis School of Nursing in La Crosse, and a BSN from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth.

She entered the Servants of Mary on Feb. 10, 1941. She became a novice on Aug. 15, 1941, and received the name Sr. Mary John. She professed first vows on Aug. 14, 1942, and final vows on Aug. 15, 1948

She ministered as a teacher, nurse, director of nursing, hospital administrator, and social justice advocate, and served on the Servants of Mary leadership team for 13 consecutive years.



## Sr. Mary Damian Powers (1931–2020)

Sr. Mary Damian died on May 11, 2020, at Addolorata Villa in Wheeling, Ill. She was 88.

She was born in Chicago, Ill., on Nov. 13, 1931, to Patrick and Helen Skrupky Powers and baptized Theresa Ann. She had one sister, Rita, and three brothers, Edward, Patrick, and James.

She entered the Servants of Mary on Aug. 30, 1947. She became a novice on Aug. 15, 1948, and received the name Sr. Mary Damian. She professed first vows on Aug. 16, 1949, and final vows on 15, 1955.

She held a BA in medical technology from the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minn., and was a certified chaplain in the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

She served as a medical technologist at hospitals in Ladysmith and Kewanee, Wis., and a pastoral minister at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica, Chicago. She spent close to 30 years in Dorchester, Mass., ministering as a pastoral associate, visitor to the sick and elderly, and coordinator of a food pantry.

## Sr. Mary Lucy Daniels (1925–2020)

Sr. Mary Lucy died on April 1, 2020, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire, Wis. She was 95.

She was born on a farm west of Weyerhaeuser, Wis., on Feb. 14, 1925, to Anthony and Sophia Grzeszczyk Daniels, the first of 14 children, and baptized Dorothea Cecilia. She had nine sisters, Louise, Teresa, Kathleen, Dolores, Geraldine, Frances, Margaret, JoAnne, and Christine, and four brothers, Anthony, Richard, James, and Thomas.

She entered the Servants of Mary on Aug. 30, 1940. She became a novice on Aug. 15, 1941, and received the name Sister Mary Lucy. She professed first vows on Aug. 16, 1942, and final vows on Aug. 15, 1948.

She held a bachelor's degree from Mount Senario College in Ladysmith and a license in nursing home administration in Illinois. She did advanced work in gerontology and clinical pastoral education at St. Joseph Hospital in St. Paul, Minn.

She served as a teacher of piano and classroom music in Weirton, W.Va., director of postulants and novices in Ladysmith, administrator of Addolorata Villa, in Wheeling, Ill., and director of pastoral care at Rusk County Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home in Ladysmith.





# We Never Know Whose Life We May Touch

By Kateri Guske, OSM

## Sr. Marie Rubbelke (1938–2020)

Sr. Marie died on May 29, 2020, at Cerenity Marian in St. Paul, Minn. She was 82.

She was born in St. Paul, Minn., on Feb. 10, 1938, to John and Agnes Wolf Rubbelke, the sixth of eight children, and baptized Agnes Marie. She had two sisters, Margaret and Colleen, and five brothers, Robert, Jerome, John, Richard, and Michael.

She joined the Servants of Mary as an aspirant in her junior year in high school in 1954 and became a postulant on Aug. 19, 1956. She was received as a novice on June 19, 1957, and given the name Sr. Mary Cabrini. She later returned to her middle name, Marie. She professed first vows on June 20, 1958, and final vows on June 19, 1964.

She studied nursing and clinical pastoral education in Milwaukee and held an LPN license in Wisconsin and Minnesota. She pursued theological studies in Michigan, Missouri, and Pennsylvania. She studied cosmetology in St. Paul and was a licensed cosmetologist.

She ministered as an elementary school teacher, nurse, and cosmetologist, and worked with the homebound elderly. She volunteered with the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Head Start, Dorothy Day Center, St. Paul Children's Museum, and Portage Home Hospice.



Last April I received a pleasant request from Nathaly Martinez, a sophomore at San Diego Catholic High School in Austin, Texas. Nathaly was working on a research project in theology that required her to learn about a particular religious order. She discovered our community's website and was impressed by what she read. Coming upon my personal story of why I entered the Servites, she decided to reach out to me.

What I found most humbling is that she was inspired by my story. Who knew that a story written some years ago would be inspiring to a student in a high school theology class today! I guess we never know how we can touch someone's life without ever meeting her.

Nathaly asked me to answer two questions. "First," she asked, "are you required to wear the habit on a daily basis or any sort of attire in particular?"

I told her that when I first joined we were in full required habit, which I wore for about nine years. When the changes came in the 1960s we went through a few gradual changes. Those that preferred the full habit were given that choice, as was the case when we decided to wear the common dress of the day by the late 60s and early 70s. No one in our community is currently wearing any formal religious attire. We dress modestly and sensibly, with the choice of attire up to the discretion of each individual.

"My second question," said Nathaly, "is related more to you and your journey in particular. I was very inspired by your story. I know you already gave us an insight about your journey in that brief article you wrote, but I just wanted to ask if any of these feelings have changed throughout the years or have instead strengthened."

I told her that this June I would be completing my 60th year as a Servite sister. During these years I have not lost my enthusiasm and joy as part of the Servite Order. My sisters – there are fewer of us now – continue to be my support, and I love them dearly. Being part of a group of women means that we have our differences but are always able

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*Sister Kateri's story  
inspires a Texas high  
school sophomore.*

### In Memoriam

*The four sisters who died this year were buried in a simple graveside service. The coronavirus pandemic made it unsafe to gather in groups for a funeral mass and reception. A memorial mass and celebration of life will be planned at a later date.*

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to listen and come to a peaceful understanding. That comes with a mutual respect for one another.

I said that my prayer life and life of service over the course of these years has strengthened and brought me beyond my comfort zone and closer to our loving God. Although I've been retired from full-time classroom teaching for nine years now, I remain active as a reading intervention instructor at the local Catholic school.

I like to think of my life as one of service, kindness, and deep spirituality. I hope my life is helping this world become a better place. I have, with the support of my sisters, developed a deep love and gratitude for all of life.

I ended by telling Nathaly that it was great to be challenged by her questions, which I answered thoughtfully and honestly. And Nathaly, in her own way, has inspired me.

Thanks, Nathaly, for reminding me to continue touching the hearts of those who know me or that I pass along the way, not realizing how I may have helped make their lives a bit better.

*To read the story that inspired Nathaly to contact Sister Kateri, go to "Servite Stories" at [servitesisters.org](http://servitesisters.org).*

# Peaceful Protest



From left, Sisters Cecilia Fandel, Rosemary Fandel, Mary De Lourdes Plourde, Mary McDermott, and Marguerite Samz with a message from Pope Paul VI.

Catholic sisters throughout the state of Wisconsin participated in a peaceful protest in response to the violence that erupted in Kenosha following the August 2020 police shooting of Jacob Blake. Photos of sisters with messages of peace, justice, and love were assembled in a video and distributed on social media and to various news outlets.

See "Wisconsin Catholic Sisters Call for Peace" at [www.facebook.com/sinsinawa/videos](http://www.facebook.com/sinsinawa/videos).



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## Sisters Donate Car for Hispanic Ministry

When Sister Mary Rita Thompson moved from Portage, Wis., to Ladysmith Care Community last October, she brought her Toyota Corolla with her. Sister Sharon McCarthy, who also lives at LCC, already had a car. The sisters decided that they could manage with one car between them.

This kind gesture freed up Sister Sharon's Ford Fusion to offer to Ana Cristina Márquez, who was desperately in need of a reliable vehicle for her work with the newly arrived Mexican sisters in the Diocese of Superior. Sister Cecilia Fandel had the car serviced and inspected before handing over the keys to Ana Cristina in March.

In a note of appreciation to the Servants of Mary, Ana Cristina wrote: "I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the gift that the congregation is giving me. The

Sister Cecilia Fandel hands Ana Cristina Márquez the keys to a Ford Fusion for use in her work with the Hispanic community in the Diocese of Superior.

car will be very useful to me to carry out my work with the Hispanic community. God is wonderful and always provides us with everything necessary."

Along with the note, Ana Cristina included a handmade decennary bracelet rosary for each sister in the community, adding: "They are made with much love."

