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Sing a Joyful Song to the Lord!

This year, we rejoice in celebrating the Jubilees of 84 Sisters in our seven congregations, representing a total of 5,060 years of dedicated service. Since each of our congregations traditionally celebrates different Jubilee years, this number represents all Sisters celebrating 25, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75, and even 80 years.

Not only are the anniversary years we celebrate different from congregation to congregation, how we arrive at determining them also varies. The Oxford Sisters calculate anniversaries based on the date of entrance into the congregation. The Columbus, Great Bend, Kentucky, and New Orleans St. Mary

communities all count Jubilee years based on the date of first profession. The Eucharistic Missionaries generally also base Jubilees on the date of first profession, but do allow for exceptions when a Sister prefers to celebrate a different anniversary. Akron celebrates Silver Jubilees based on first profession dates, but for Golden Jubilees, Sisters have the option of celebrating from their date of entrance or date of first profession.

Regardless of our methods of calculation or traditions of celebration, we can all praise the steadfast commitment of our Jubilarians, and be grateful for God's faithfulness in sustaining them over the years.

Celebrating 80 Years of Dominican Life

Sr. Salesia Schneweis: Hostess of the Motherhouse!

Walk through the doors of the motherhouse in Great Bend for the first time, and don't be surprised if you see a little lady in her late 90s slowly making her way to greet you. For Great Bend **Sr. Salesia Schneweis**, who celebrates her 80th Jubilee this year, helping guests feel at home is her favorite pastime.

But for those who know her, Sr. Salesia's hospitality is the essence of who she is. She is the ultimate gracious host, always welcoming, grateful, affirming, and friendly. "Hospitality was her charism from the Holy Spirit," said Great Bend **Sr. Jolene Geier**. "It has been so evident throughout all of her life."

"Here, have a chair and sit down," she might say.

"Need some coffee? Why don't you stay and have some dinner?" Many in eastern

Kansas and western Colorado have heard her familiar refrain!

Born in Odin, KS, Sr. Salesia devoted much of her life to ministering in health

care at St. Rose Hospital (now Central Kansas Medical Center or CKMC) in Great Bend, St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City, Sacred Heart Hospital in Lamar, CO, and the Sisters' convent infirmary in Great Bend. Her last ministry assignment was as hostess at CKMC. But "even in her 90s," Great Bend **Sr. Geraldine Eakes** explains, "she has always been a very gracious hostess. Her sense of hospitality is always there." And since she has lived in the area for much of her life, "she knows everybody and doesn't forget anybody," Great Bend **Sr. Ancilla Schawe** adds. "She has an unbelievable memory for being almost 99. This meant a lot to the public coming into CKMC because they were known . . . they had a great reception when they came to the hospital."

Sr. Salesia's life of ministry has been a blessing for other reasons, too. Her Sisters note that she is a very prayerful person, of great perseverance and great independence. Loving, supportive, encouraging, never self-absorbed and always interested in others, Sr. Salesia Schneweis continues to inspire all as the beloved "hostess of the motherhouse" in Great Bend.



Our Diamond Jubilarians

Celebrating 75 Years



Sr. Rosalia Govert
(Great Bend)

Born in Willowdale, KS, Sr. Rosalia gave 36 years of her life to education, often serving as principal as well as a teacher. In 1972, she began serving her Sisters as a beautician. She also worked as a receptionist for outpatients at CKMC and for the Art of Learning Center in Wichita, KS. Sr. Rosalia continues to serve in various capacities at the motherhouse in Great Bend.



Sr. Vincent de Paul Hutton
(Kentucky)

Sr. Vincent de Paul was born in Illinois, the daughter of Irish immigrants. Her passion for educating brought her to minister in six states and in Puerto Rico, where she put her Spanish skills to use as a high school teacher and principal. In 1985, she left the classroom to assist the congregation's finance office, where she remained until 1999.

Sr. Rose Imelda has spent most of her life in school – either as a student or educator. She was a student at St. Catharine in 1933, the same year she made her first profession. The following year, she began her teaching career ministering in Louisville, followed by a move to Brooklyn. She also taught at St. Catharine College and other Kentucky schools.



Sr. Rose Imelda Rogan
(Kentucky)

A Nebraska native, Sr. Ruth began ministering as a teacher, but she is most known for her work in music. With a PhD in Musicology, she is an accomplished composer, organist, and pianist. She is also a skilled seamstress, creating vestments and banners for liturgies. Sr. Ruth resides at the motherhouse, along with her two sisters, Srs Marie and Marie Antoinette Klein.

Sr. Ruth Klein
(Great Bend)



Celebrating 70 Years

Sr. Cornelia Bock (Great Bend)
Sr. Rose Angela Burke (Kentucky)
Sr. Agnes Conway (Kentucky)
Sr. Mary Humbert Davis (Columbus)
Sr. Venard Kessler (Columbus)
Sr. Coletta Masterson (Great Bend)

Sr. Eileen Pentecost (Akron)
Sr. Aniceta Pitstick (Columbus)
Sr. Ann Rita Sullivan (Kentucky)
Sr. Bertrand Turzak (Oxford)
Sr. Helen Walter (Columbus)

Celebrating 65 Years

Sr. Francine Ashoff (Columbus)
Sr. Camille Cuenin (Akron)
Sr. Agnes Imelda Frohnafel (Columbus)
Sr. Timothy Goettisheim (Columbus)
Sr. Claretta Heffner (Kentucky)
Sr. Patricius Henderson (Kentucky)
Sr. Adrian Marie Hofstetter (Kentucky)
Sr. Mary Ann Klein (Great Bend)

Sr. Mary Martin McGreal (Kentucky)
Sr. Maryagnes Slattery (Akron)
Sr. Rose Clement Stalter (Columbus)
Sr. Catherine di Ricci Sullivan (Columbus)
Sr. Rita Walker (Columbus)
Sr. Lucille Winstel (Columbus)
Sr. Teresa Wolfe (Kentucky)

Celebrating 60 Years

Sr. Rose Bowen (NOSM)
Sr. Josepha Buckley (Kentucky)
Sr. Mary Ellen Dater (Great Bend)
Sr. Betty Doskey (NOSM)
Sr. Geraldine Eakes (Great Bend)
Sr. Frances Ellsperman (Akron)
Sr. Edith Fitzgerald (Columbus)
Sr. Marcia Fleder (Columbus)
Sr. Loretta Forquer (Columbus)
Sr. George Ann Fosmire (Columbus)
Sr. Martha Fox (Akron)
Sr. Joan Miriam Glaser (Kentucky)
Sr. Melanie Hannigan (Columbus)
Sr. Lelia Horkans (Columbus)
Sr. Rosemary Kirsten (Kentucky)
Sr. Stanislaus Langlinais (NOEMD)

Sr. Bernadette Marie Lynch (Kentucky)
Sr. Jane McCaffrey (Columbus)
Sr. M. Veronica Miceli (NOSM)
Sr. Elizabeth Miles (Kentucky)
Sr. Gloria Moreno (NOEMD)
Sr. Sibyllina Mueller (Great Bend)
Sr. Marie Andre Murray (Columbus)
Sr. Marie Joseph Porrello (Columbus)
Sr. Louise Quinlan (Kentucky)
Sr. Rosemarie Robinson (Akron)
Sr. Juliana Savoy (NOEMD)
Sr. Ruth Schneider (Akron)
Sr. Francine Stalter (Akron)
Sr. Charlotte Unrein (Great Bend)
Sr. Eleanor Wack (Akron)

Our Golden Jubilarians

Celebrating 50 Years



Sr. Kathleen Andrews
(Great Bend)

Born in Albuquerque, NM, Sr. Kathleen began her ministry in nursing services, which included working a tenure as Vice President of Nursing Services at Central Kansas Medical Center in Great Bend, Kansas. Today, Kathleen lives in Denver, CO, where she has just begun a new ministry with Lakewood Housing Authority.



Sr. Jeanne Brown
(Columbus)

Sr. Jeanne entered from Long Island, earned a BS from the College of St. Mary of the Springs (Columbus, OH) and an MEd from Ohio University. She has ministered as an elementary teacher and principal, a faculty member at Ohio Dominican College, Vocation Director, and a pastoral minister. Currently, Jeanne is a hospice volunteer.

Sr. Nancy Caroccia
Columbus



Sr. Nancy worked for 12 years at the Westinghouse Electric East Pittsburgh plant before entering the convent and teaching grade school for several years. For 18 years, she worked in dietary service. She directed Plant Services at Albertus Magnus College (New Haven, CT) and has been property manager of Dominican Acres (Blacklick, OH) for the past 15 years.

Sr. Mary Ann has helped in educating students from kindergarten through college in several states. Her mathematics background aided her in working in finance for the congregation, college, Sansbury Care Center and presently for the Sisters at the Motherhouse. She also has shared her gifts as Motherhouse liturgist, cantor, and organist.

Sr. Mary Ann Budka
(Kentucky)



Sr. Kevin Clavin
(Great Bend)



Born and raised in Ireland, Sr. Kevin came to the U.S. to become a Great Bend Dominican. She has dedicated her life to Catholic education in both Kansas and Colorado. She has taught at St. Columba Catholic School in Durango, CO, for the last 25 years, where she exercises her passion for education through teaching and facilitating service opportunities.

A Master's degree in healthcare administration and a wealth of experience have served Sr. Germaine well in various roles: hospital administrator, vicaress, development director, and missionary. Since 1991, she has served in Chimbote, Peru. Today she works in AIDS and prison ministries, evangelizes via radio programs, and directs a diocesan justice commission.

Sr. Germaine Conroy
(Columbus)



Sr. Mary Costello
(Kentucky)



Sr. Mary grew up in Massachusetts, meeting the Dominican Sisters as a student at Rosary Academy. A licensed social worker, Mary has put her Master's degree to work for the last 22 years as a social worker at Windsor House Adult Day Health Program in Cambridge, MA. She considers her work with the elderly and disabled a "life-giving experience."

Sr. Dominic has served in all levels of nursing services, including teaching in a nursing school, facilitating the merger of two health clinics, and founding/administering Birthright and the Golden Belt Home Health Service. Recovering miraculously from a stroke, she has returned to her favorite ministry – pastoral care at St. Joseph Village, Manhattan, KS.

Sr. Dominic Haug
(Great Bend)



A Philadelphia native, Sr. Mary entered from Hamilton, OH. She taught grade and high school before getting an MEd in Science from Harvard and a PhD in chemistry from St. Louis University. She has been college professor, parish minister, and Leadership Team member. She currently volunteers at St. Augustine Grade School in Ossining, NY.

Sr. Mary Hertrich
(Columbus)



Sr. Diane ministers as a hospice chaplain within the deeply wounded city of her birth, New Orleans. Professed in 1959, she found joy in sharing faith and friendship with parishioners throughout southern Louisiana as a catechetical director, pastoral associate, and parish administrator. Diane has also served as motherhouse coordinator and council member.

Sr. Diane Hooley
(NOEMD)



Golden Jubilarians

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After entering religious life, Sr. Yvonne initially was a teacher. Earning a Master's in Religious Education and various pastoral certifications, she later ministered in religious ed and pastoral ministry for many years. She also served as secretary of the congregation. Yvonne accomplishes much because of her organizational skills and keen interest in people.



Sr. Yvonne Horning
(Akron)

Sr. Anne, a Columbus Leadership Team member, was born in Brooklyn and met the Sisters while at Dominican Academy. She earned a Bachelor's degree in history and Master's degrees in Montessori education and religious studies. She also has served as an elementary and pre-primary teacher, a pastoral associate, and a diocesan religious ed coordinator.



Sr. Anne Keenan
(Columbus)



Sr. Andre Kravec
(Akron)

Sr. Eileen first met the Dominicans at her hometown parish. After high school, she worked for six years before entering the convent. She has since ministered in education (teacher/administrator), administration of the retirement home for Sisters in Plainville, MA, and parish ministry. Most recently, she was a case manager for older women at a homeless shelter.



Sr. Eileen Linehan
(Kentucky)

Sr. Andre met the Akron Sisters as a St. Vincent High School student and entered the convent after graduation. Early on, she served in grade school education and administration. After earning a Master's in Religious Studies, she served in religious ed and pastoral ministry. Now certified in Preaching from Aquinas Institute, she accepts every opportunity to preach.

Sr. Bridget Major
(NOEMD)



Sr. Bridget grew up in rural Louisiana. She loved home nursing and gave herself quietly and competently to her own Sisters, the fishing and trapping folks along Bayou Grand Caillou, and frail elders near the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Since Katrina, she volunteers with a generous heart at St. Catharine's Motherhouse and Sansbury Care Center.



**Sr. Ellen McNulty
(Columbus)**

Born in Meriden, CT, Sr. Ellen taught art and math in high school and college after earning a BA from the College of St. Mary of the Springs, an MFA from Catholic University, and an MA in Religion from Fordham. Since leaving teaching, she has served in pastoral ministry and currently ministers at Our Lady of Victory/ St. John Vianney, West Haven, CT.

**Sr. Diane McOsker
(NOEMD)**



Detroit native Sr. Diane followed her missionary heart to bayou towns, a Tucson barrio, a diocesan religious education office, and several parishes in southern Louisiana. She currently ministers in pastoral care for the IHM Sisters who taught her. Diane formerly ministered as motherhouse coordinator, formation director, councilor, and president of the EMDs.



**Sr. Marilyn Pierson
(Kentucky)**

Sr. Marilyn initially was a grade school teacher and especially enjoyed first grade. She later worked as a college financial aid director and served her Sisters as the Southern Regional. She holds Masters degrees in Administration (Notre Dame) and Pastoral Studies (Aquinas Institute). Since 1992, she has worked in development at the Tutwiler Clinic in Tutwiler, MS.

Born in Plainfield, NJ, Sr. Doris this year celebrates the tenth anniversary of Casa Aurora, the living-with-HIV center which she established in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. With Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Latin, history, and Greek, Doris has spent 29 years in education in the US; for the other 21 years she has been a missionary in Bolivia, Peru, and Honduras.



Sr. Doris Regan (Columbus)

A native New Orleanean, Sr. Carmelite earned Master's degrees in English education and in counseling psychology from Loyola University, Chicago. "Carmie" is a certified counselor and a spiritual director. She also has earned certification in the Proff Journal Workshops. She currently ministers as the Coordinator of St. Mary's Motherhouse.



**Sr. M. Carmelite Zibilich
(NOSM)**

**Sr. Carol Ann Spencer
(Columbus)**



Born in Somerset, OH, Sr. Carol Ann was a principal and teacher for many years. Today she is a spiritual and retreat director at Spirituality Network, Columbus, OH. She serves in St. Mary's Formation office and holds a Bachelor's degree in English and Master's degrees in English education, theological studies, and pastoral Studies.

Celebrating 25 Years of Dominican Life

Sr. Joanne Caniglia entered the Sisters of St. Dominic of Akron on July 25, 1980, from St. James Parish, Warren, OH. She earned a BSE in mathematics from John Carroll University and an MSE in mathematics from Youngstown State University. Sr. Joanne began her teaching career at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. While at Our Lady of the Elms High School, she taught math and headed that department, taught computer science, and did recruitment. After earning a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction from Kent State University in 1994, she became Assistant Professor and then Associate Professor of Mathematics at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, MI. Presently, Sr. Joanne is Professor and Teacher Education Coordinator in the College of Arts and Science at

Eastern. While there, she has been successful in obtaining several grants to instruct teachers how to teach math in the inner city of Detroit and has won several awards for her work there. She has been a member of the Elms School Board of Trustees since 1991 and has been elected several times to serve as a member of her congregation's Board of Elections and Chapters. She is presently chairperson of the Cluster/Union's Constitution Committee.



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