

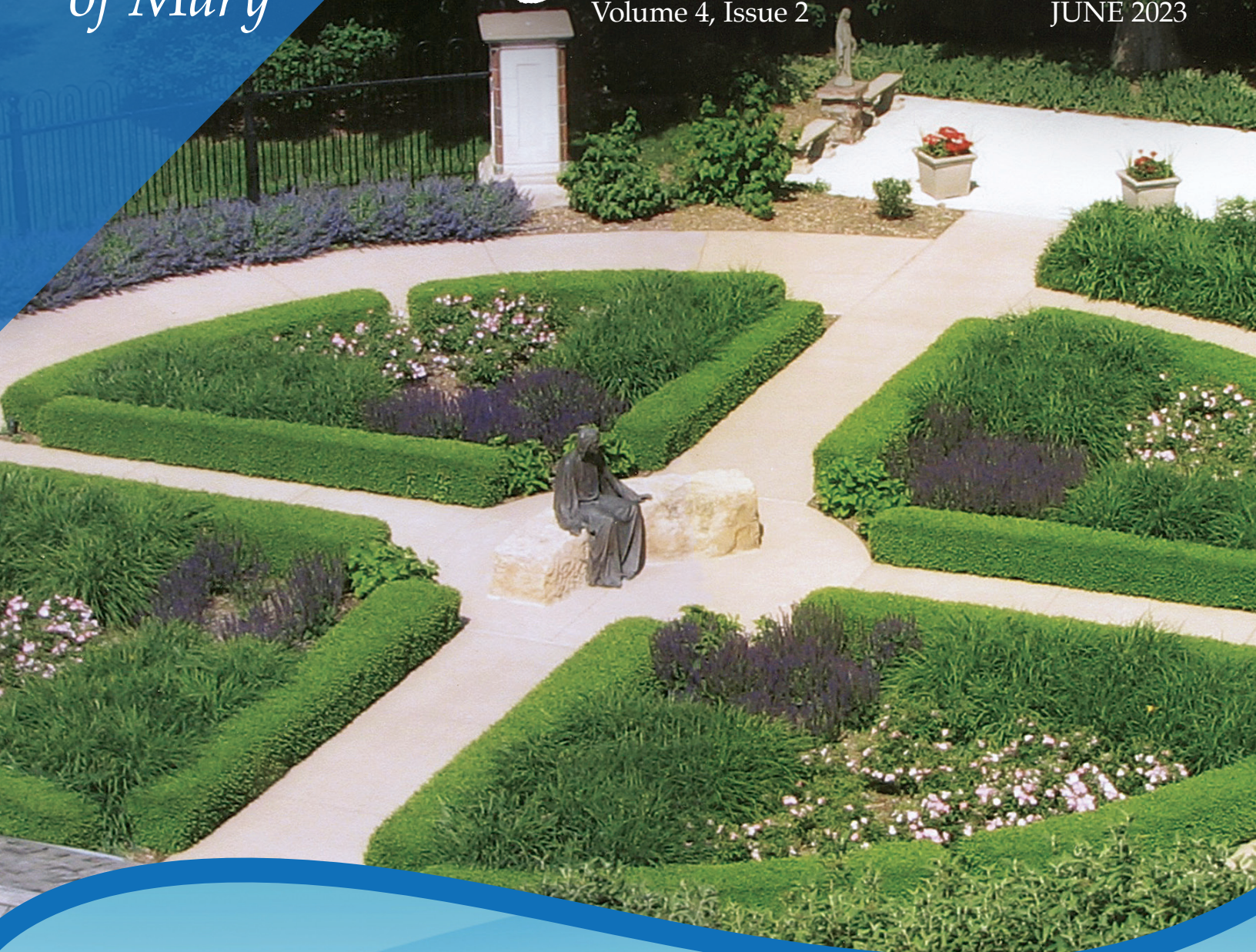


*Servants  
of Mary*

# *Compassion Connection*

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The mission of the Servants of Mary is to manifest  
**God's Compassionate Presence in the Spirit of Mary.**



## Letter from Sr. Jackie Ryan

Dear Friends,

Last year I participated in a workshop attended by over five hundred women religious across the country. One of the speakers reminded us that we are on “a journey we would not have chosen, but have been invited by the Spirit to take.”

Each of us, at different times in our lives, can identify with these words. Life events such as a loss of job, an illness, a sudden death, a move to a care facility and many other unexpected happenings have entered our lives without our choosing. We have all been there. And in hindsight, we have all found ways to survive and eventually thrive.

As you may know, the Servants of Mary sold our Motherhouse and property to Marian High School in 2019. In the agreement, Marian stated that we may remain in the Motherhouse as long as we choose. One of the tasks before us is to determine when and how this transition will unfold.

In order to begin planning for this new journey, with new ways of living community, all of our sisters met together during the summer of 2022 to begin praying, dialoguing and processing how this eventual move from the Motherhouse will affect our community life and our ministries as we move forward. In addition, we have established an Exploring Future Community Living Committee. Members of the Committee have met individually with each sister, provided opportunities for prayer and faith sharing, met regularly with the Marian Administration and Board of Directors and hired consultants from the Religious Institute Division of Plante Moran, an international consulting and investment firm.

The Marian administration is also moving forward. They have hired an architectural firm to do a full site and facility master plan of the Marian campus, including the Motherhouse.

Even though much planning lies ahead, I wanted to share this stage of the journey with you, our families and friends. As we move forward, we promise to keep you updated.

In the meantime, let us continue to journey together with compassion and hope, believing God walks with each of us.

Thank you for your support and let us continue to remember one another in prayer.

*Sr. Jackie*

Sr. Jackie Ryan, OSM

US/Jamaica Community Prioress, Servants of Mary

# Congratulations

The US/Jamaica Community honors nine Jubilarians this year. We congratulate our Jubilarians and thank them for over 530+ combined years of service in nine states, three countries and in over 29 ministries.

## 75 YEARS

### **Imelda (M. Timothy) Kirkey, OSM**

PROFESSION DATE: AUGUST 16, 1948

Sr. Imelda ministered in the following ways: Teacher, Principal, Religious Education Director, Christian Formation Director, Support Staff to the Congregational Prioress, Provincial Councilor and St. Peregrine Ministry Director.

States and countries Sr. Imelda ministered in: Michigan, New York, Nebraska and the United Kingdom.



## 70 YEARS

### **Rita (M. Edith) Kolbet, OSM**

PROFESSION DATE: AUGUST 16, 1953

Sr. Rita ministered in the following ways: Teacher, Pastoral Minister, Social Worker, Religious Education Director, CNA, Hospice Volunteer, and Mental Health Board Representative.

States Sr. Rita ministered in: Michigan and Nebraska.



## 60 YEARS

### **Kathy (M. Martina) Avery, OSM**

PROFESSION DATE: AUGUST 16, 1963

Sr. Kathy ministered in the following ways: Teacher, Principal, Assistant Principal and Religious Education Director.

States Sr. Kathy ministered in: Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Nebraska.



### **Karen (M. Claudia) Brown, OSM**

PROFESSION DATE: AUGUST 16, 1963

Sr. Karen ministered in the following ways: Teacher, Chaplain, Pastoral Minister Administrator, Christian Service Coordinator, Support Services Minister, Motherhouse Coordinator, and Quilter.

States and countries Sr. Karen ministered in: Jamaica, Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska and Texas.



## 60 YEARS



### **Rose (Philip Mary) Chang, OSM**

**PROFESSION DATE:** AUGUST 11, 1963

Sr. Rose ministered in the following ways: Teacher, Pastoral Minister, Parish Administrator, Regional Prioress, Spiritual Director, Retreat Director, Director of Formation Development, Congregational Prioress, Formation Director, Mediation Practitioner, Conflict Resolution Trainer, and Catechetical Coordinator.

Country Sr. Rose ministered in: Jamaica.



### **Barbara (M. Marcia) Kennedy, OSM**

**PROFESSION DATE:** AUGUST 16, 1963

Sr. Barbara ministered in the following ways: Teacher, School Counselor, Motherhouse Coordinator, Mental Health Therapist, Administrator, Provincial Councilor, Assistant Congregational Prioress and Development Director.

States Sr. Barbara ministered in: Nebraska, New York and Oregon.



### **Donna Marie (M. Dolorita) McGargill**

**PROFESSION DATE:** AUGUST 16, 1963

Sr. Donna Marie ministered in the following ways: Teacher, Liturgist, Director of Music Ministry, Workshop Presenter, Campus Minister, Musician and Community Minister.

States Sr. Donna Marie ministered in: Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska and Oregon.



### **Virginia (M. Reneé) Silvestri, OSM**

**PROFESSION DATE:** AUGUST 16, 1963

Sr. Virginia ministered in the following ways: Teacher, Adult Religious Education Coordinator, Pastoral Associate of Adult Religious Education, Assistant Provincial, Provincial, National Speaker, and Director of Community Life and Pastoral Care Ministry.

States Sr. Virginia ministered in: Arizona, Michigan and Nebraska.

## 25 YEARS



### **Lisa Sheridan, OSM**

**PROFESSION DATE:** JUNE 19, 1998

Sr. Lisa ministered in the following ways: Music Minister, Youth Minister, Pastoral Minister, Religious Education Teacher, Administrator, Mental Health Therapist, Servants of Mary Associate Director, Congregational Councilor and Community Councilor.

States Sr. Lisa ministered in: Nebraska and Oregon.



# In Honor Of

JANUARY 1, 2023 – APRIL 30, 2023

**2023 Jubilarians**

Marlene Rowe

**Ellen K. Alexander**

Garry Alexander

**Sr. Kathy Avery**

Mary Cusmano  
Mary Jane Graves  
Denise Van Sile

**Sr. Kathy Avery 80th Birthday**

Mary Ann Arsenault  
Avery Family

**Ashley Bauer 10 yrs service**

**Marian High School**  
Servants of Mary Leadership Team

**Linda Brock 10 yrs service**

**Marian High School**  
Servants of Mary Leadership Team

**Melissa Brusnahan 25 yrs service**

**Marian High School**  
Servants of Mary Leadership Team

**Sr. Mary Peter Caito**

Mary Ann Arsenault  
Denise Van Sile

**Kris Calhoun 25 yrs service**

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**Sheldon Chamberlain**

Garry Alexander

**Fr. Paul Chen**

Kenneth Truong

**Deb & Bill DeMunnick**

Garry Alexander

**Beth Dye 20 yrs service**

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Darlene Schlies

**Sharon Genoways 25 yrs service**

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**Megan Gillespie 20 yrs service**

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Michael & Mary McGillicuddy

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**Ann Kolterman 10 yrs service**

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Sr. M. Peter Caito

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George Schuetz

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Therese McGratty

**Sisters who served Immaculate  
Conception Parish, Sioux City, IA**

Mary Jane Graves

**Sisters who taught at St. Rose School  
in Omaha, NE**

Georgene Kyral

**Kathleen Stroshein**

Thomas Olenczuk

**Stacy Tunink 10 yrs service**

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Kristine Tongusi

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**Mary Ellen White**

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& Dysarz Families**

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Joan Van Overbeke  
Servite Sisters Of St. Juliana School,  
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Carole Chiamp

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Pam Harrington  
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Sr. Carol Kowalski  
Sr. Paulette Labbe  
Sr. Kerry Larkin  
Sr. Roselma Legault  
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Shirley Schendt

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## A Special Opportunity If You Are Over 70

Would you like to make a gift to the Servants of Mary and get a tax benefit? If your answer is yes, consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) for your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). This gift option is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover. Besides seeing the good your gift does, there are several other benefits to this type of donation. For more details, consult your tax advisor or investment professional. Thank you for considering this suggestion.



# Graduate of Boundless Compassion Facilitator Program Spreads the Message

In 2019 Silvia Berezcki traveled to the United States to participate in the Boundless Compassion Facilitator Program, sponsored by the Servite Center of Compassion led by Sr. Joyce Rupp. Silvia went on to become the first Boundless Compassion Facilitator in Transylvania, a province of Romania.

Inspired by her education, her work and Sr. Joyce Rupp's writing, she sought permission to begin translating Sr. Joyce's books into Polish. We are grateful to Silvia in taking Boundless Compassion to Polish speaking countries throughout Eastern Europe.

Sr. Joyce's writings have been translated into multiple languages and widely dispersed. Recently, translated copies of her books were presented at a Protestant Church in Hungary, the first presentation to a Protestant audience in Europe!



Sr. Karen Brown taking Sr. Ann Haworth to an appointment in one of the new SUVs.

## Many Thanks

A special thank you to all who supported the Servants of Mary for the Omaha Archdiocesan Joy of Giving Day. Through the generosity of so many, we reached our goal of \$15,000. House repairs are underway, the much-needed medical equipment has been purchased and the Healing Garden has been transformed from winter to summer.

And we remember Kohll's Pharmacy, Premier Bank and Caritas Vehicle Services and Caritas for Children for their matching grants.

Saying thank you is something that never gets old. So, thank you also for your response to our annual appeal in December, 2022. Your generosity surpassed our hopes and dreams. The new cars make it so much easier for our sisters to get in and out of, as well as to transport wheelchairs and walkers.

We were happily overwhelmed with your requests for prayers for the Month of May. Thank you for the honor to remember you and your concerns in our prayers. Our prayer ministry is more than one day or one month - it is 24/7. Just call our prayer line at 402-951-3068 and leave us a message. We will do the rest.

## Bidding Farewell to Wayne Conradson

On May 31st a party was held at the Motherhouse to thank our Maintenance Engineer, Wayne Conradson. Wayne was employed by the Servants of Mary for over 30 years.

Wayne worked tirelessly for the Community, caring for and repairing the Motherhouse building, tending our beautiful grounds, maintaining the Motherhouse vehicles and plowing snow before sunrise and into the night. For over 10,950 days Wayne was on call to the Servants of Mary for every crisis - whether it was broken pipes, elevator issues, fire alarms, heating and air conditioning issues, he was quick to provide repairs and assistance.

Thank you, Wayne, for 30 years of faithful service and friendship.





## Obituaries

### **Sr Terese Lux, OSM**

December 12, 1930–June 8, 2023

Sister (Clara) Terese was born in Shelby, NE to Clara and Herman Lux. She was the youngest of six. Her siblings have all preceded her in death.

Sr. Terese took a leap of trust on August 30, 1949. Her leap of trust was entering the Servants of Mary Community without knowing any of the sisters. Later she would become the Prioress Provincial of the Servants of Mary.

Sr. Terese dedicated herself to a variety of ministries. She taught at six grade schools in Nebraska, Iowa and New York. Her first work in administration began at Marian High School as the Assistant Principal. Sister continued in administration at the College of St. Mary, Omaha, NE, both as Vice President of Students and Assistant Dean of Students.

Sr. Terese loved education and research. In 1980, she returned to school to receive her PhD in Community and Human Development Resources. After receiving her PhD, she began her own business, DeLuxe Programs. She was a nationally known seminar leader, group facilitator and adult educator.

After retiring from education, Sister went on to volunteer in jail ministry, at Jesuit Middle School and Essential Pregnancy Services.

Sister Terese is survived by many nieces and nephews and her Servite Family.



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### **Sr Iris (M. Gerald) Deprez, OSM**

July 28, 1931—May 18, 2023

Sister Iris was originally from Detroit, MI and grew up in St. Juliana Parish.

Sr. Iris was one of four children, born to Gerald and Dorothy (McKenzie) Deprez.

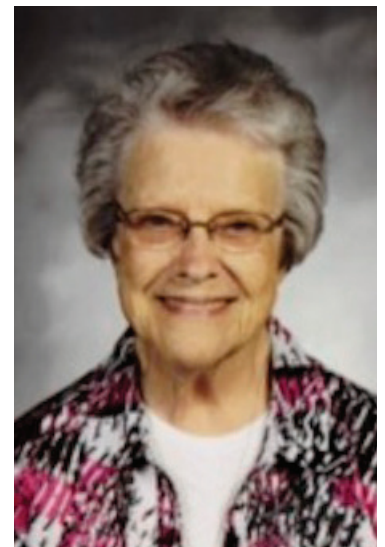
She entered the Servants of Mary in 1949. Sr. Iris served in a variety of ministries including teaching kindergarten and grades one through high school. She taught in Omaha, NE, Massena, NY, Detroit, MI, Denver, Arvada, Englewood, Aurora, Westminster, and Colorado Springs in CO.

Sr. Iris' most treasured ministry was adult faith formation. It was the time of the Second Vatican Council, and her goal was to help people have a loving relationship with God through a clearer understanding of doctrine, scripture and their own adult spirituality. She was an excellent teacher, and had many pastoral gifts as well.

Sr. Iris also ministered for the Community as a Motherhouse Coordinator and Development Director.

Known for her love of the outdoors, she enjoyed fishing and hiking during her many years in Colorado.

She is survived her brother Bernie, sister-in-law Charlotte and many nieces and nephews and her Servite Family.





## Obituaries

### **Barbara Favor**

November 13, 1942–May 22, 2023

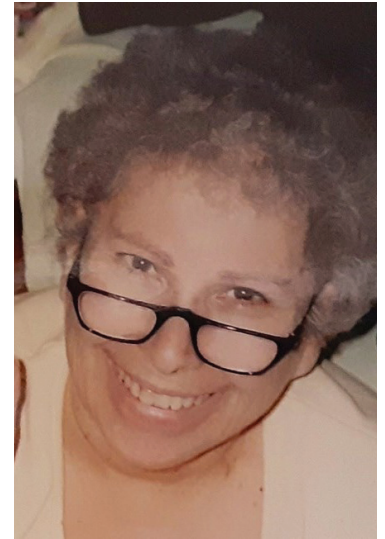
Known as a prayer warrior, Barbara Favor became a Servants of Mary Associate September 15, 2004. She was proud to be a native of Tucson, a city filled with snowbirds.

Barbara enlisted in the U.S. Army Women Corp. and served a three-year tour. She retired from the U.S. Geological Survey Services after thirty years of dedication.

She was married to Charles Favor for 47 years until his death in 2011.

She is survived by her daughter, Catherine Benavidaz of Tucson and her son Phillip Favor (Natasha) and her grandchildren, Carson and Gwendolyn. She is also survived by her brother Mario Gonzalez, who provided care for her in the last months of her life.

Barbara was very active as an Associate of the Servants of Mary for many years. She enjoyed her volunteer work with St. Vincent de Paul and shared in any way she could in her parish, Our Mother of Sorrows.



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### **Sr M. Suzanne Vandenhede, OSM**

November 2, 1930–February 14, 2023

Sr. M. Suzanne loved her family, her religious community, the educational opportunities she received and her ministries as an educator, motherhouse coordinator, chaplain, healing touch practitioner, community minister and volunteer.

Sr. M. Suzanne taught in Omaha, NE, Massena, NY and Salix and Sioux City, IA. She also served as Principal at St. James/Seton School in Omaha, NE from 1981-1987.

Sister became Motherhouse Coordinator for her Omaha community before becoming a chaplain at Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha. She then went on to receive a certification as a Healing Touch Practitioner.

Known for her smile, friendliness and a desire to have a good time, she is remembered by many. Sr. M. Suzanne maintained close relationships with many students, some for over 60 years.

Sr. M. Suzanne was one seven children, born to Remi and Emma (Boone) Vandenhede. She is survived by one sister, Elaine Maes of Detroit and many nieces and nephews and her Servite Family.



**“Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.”**  
—Matthew 5:4



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