

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



Dear Family and Friends,

I recently read a quote that fits our first sister pioneers in 1893 as well as today, "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future with a known God." When the Servants of Mary originally came to the United States, they packed a lot of trust and faith. Every time our sisters started something new—a school, a mission in a foreign country, a counseling center, a house of prayer, or a spirituality center they brought that same faith with them.

As I have shared with you in my last few letters, we have been researching living situations suitable for all of our sisters as we slowly transition from our Motherhouse. I am pleased to let you know that we have selected a facility. We have chosen the Immanuel Campus located a few miles from our Motherhouse.

We selected Immanuel because it has the necessary continuum of care that is required; shared values of prayer, community and mission; a location that will allow us to remain in close proximity to one another, as well as being the only not-for-profit continuum of care facility in Omaha.

Our next step is implementation of this decision which will take time due to waiting lists at the Immanuel campus. During this implementation, we will be paying two sets of expenses—here at the Motherhouse as well as at Immanuel until the transition is completed. As always, we know we can count on your support.

And once again we find ourselves facing something new, with unknown challenges to be slowly discovered and solved by a new group of pioneers who will carry with them the same faith and trust that has stamped all of our new endeavors from the very beginning.

As always, I am available for any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sr. Fackie Sr. Jackie Ryan, OSM

US/Jamaica/Canada Community Prioress Servants of Mary

What's in a Name?

In case you missed the fine print, there has been a slight change in our name. We are now known as the US/Jamaica/Canada Community of the Servants of Mary.



Srs. M. Hélène Castonguay, OSM, M. Elizabeth Winberg, OSM, M. Françoise Gagnon, OSM, and M. Céline Veilleux, OSM of Quebec City affirm the new link established between the US/Jamaican and Canadian sisters.



Srs. M. Monique Grenier, OSM, M. Michèle Leitch, OSM and M. Lise Roy, OSM of Sherbrooke give their "thumbs up" for the new link.

Since 1952, the Servite sisters have ministered in the French speaking areas of Canada with a link to our sisters in France. Today, seven sisters remain in Canada. Given their numbers and their proximity to the United States, it is in the best interest of all of the Canadian sisters to link with the U.S. This link is very similar to the connection we formed with our Jamaican sisters in 2017.

Although we remain part of the International Congregation of the Servants of Mary with sisters serving in eight countries, we have strengthened and formalized our bond with our Canadian sisters. This bond is a spiritual and communal one, as the Canadian community will remain financially independent.

More Changes and Transitions for the Servants of Mary

The Servants of Mary established an Associate Program in the 1990s. The sisters invited women and men who identified with the charism of the Servants of Mary to share in community, prayer and service. In 1998 the Community accepted their first associates. Since that time over 120 women and men have said yes to the invitation to a closer relationship to the Community.

Currently there are 75 associates in ten States and Jamaica. Our associates minister in a variety of settings including pastoral, hospital and non-profits. Like our sisters, associates are committed to our charism of compassionate presence that is manifested in diverse ministries.

Throughout the last 35 years, the leadership of the Associate Program has been co-directed by a sister and an associate team, or by a sister and associates who were geographical representatives. This year we will transition to the primary leadership of two associates as Co-Directors, with support from the sisters.

We are pleased to announce two of our associates that have been named as Co-Directors. They are Barbara Katz of Portland, Oregon and Cindy Campbell of Camas, Washington.

Barbara began her associate relationship in April of 2007. Barbara is married, mother of two adult children and a retired Registered Nurse. She has served as the NW Area Associate Representative, has participated in medical mission work in Guatemala



Associates Barbara Katz of Portland, OR and Cindy Campbell of Camas, WA

and is currently involved in the lunch program at the Blanchet House, a soup kitchen in Portland, Oregon. Barbara enjoys cooking and gardening.

Cindy became an associate in January of 1998. Cindy is married, also a mother of two adult children and is a Dental Hygienist. Cindy and her husband were instrumental in the startup of EWC Lift Systems, a creative home lift system for the physically impaired that has also expanded to institutional use. She also volunteers for the lunch program at Blanchet House and participates in a volunteer dental program. Cindy is an avid knitter and quilter.

Thank you Barbara and Cindy!

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We recently discovered that Our Compassion Connection Newsletter for October did not go out to our entire mailing list. Something strange happened to our data base. Our apologies. If you would like a copy, please contact Linda Hubbard at: devofc@osms. org. Please include your contact information in your email. A copy can also be found under "Publications" on our website. Thank you.



Bequest

How Can I Help?

Consider a bequest to the Servants of Mary. Bequests are one of the easiest gifts to make. With the help of your advisor, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift be made to family, friends or the Servants of Mary. Bequests are exempt from federal estate taxes. There are numerous types of bequests so please check with your financial advisor.

Servants of Mary Ongoing Ministries

Spiritual Direction, Counseling, Coaching

Perhaps all times in history seem challenging to the people living through them. Challenges may be personal, familial or communal, and the insights and courage needed to meet them may not be easy to come by without the guidance of a supportive person.

The Servants of Mary offer such support through the ministries of spiritual direction, counseling and coaching. The sisters involved are trained professionals, bringing objectivity to concerns brought to them by people from all walks of life and differing faith traditions. For the sisters, the reflective listening, problem solving and skill building used in counseling, and the shared and guided faith journey experienced in spiritual direction, rest on a foundation of compassion.

Most often counseling, coaching and spiritual direction sessions are held in person at the Servants of Mary Motherhouse. However, today's technology also offers the option of Zoom appointments for those who live at a distance or are for some reason homebound. Contact information can be found on the Servants of Mary website.





Sr. M. Gabriel Lawler and Sr. Karen Brown

Quilting

Several sisters engage in the vibrant ministry of Quilting. Thirtytwo brilliant full-size quilts were created within the final six weeks of 2023, in time for a Christmas donation to the Furniture Project in Omaha. In addition to furniture, this volunteer-run organization offers free household items to refugee families and those needing replacement furniture due to house fires.

Every quilt made through this Servants of Mary ministry is donated to bring warmth and comfort to those in need. Currently, our quilters are working simultaneously on nine individual, unique quilts! Check out photos on the Servants of Mary website.

We strive to be as accurate as possible. If you find an error, please email the information to devofc@osms.org.



Sr. Alice Kotwick February 5, 1938-October 2, 2023

Sr. Alice was born in Detroit, Michigan on February 5, 1938, the daughter of Edmond and Josephine Kotwick. She was the oldest of five children including David, John, Laura (Thompson) and Michael.

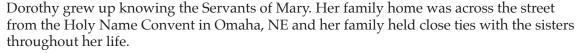
After graduating from high school, she entered the Servants of Mary and received the name of Sr. M. Edmond. She received a bachelor's degree in Math and went on to obtain a master's degree in Administration and Supervision. These degrees prepared her for her lifelong passion for educating young people.

Between 1957 and 1995, this true educator touched the lives of thousands of elementary students as teacher and principal in Omaha, Sioux City, Walled Lake, Holland and Detroit MI. During the last 25 years of her ministry, she loved working with the young men at Notre Dame and De La Salle High Schools in Detroit.

Sr. Alice loved her Kotwick family and her Servite Family. As a Servant of Mary, Sr. Alice had a great devotion to Mary and sought to share that devotion with others.

The last few years for Sr. Alice were difficult as she faced blindness and heart issues. Like Mary, her model, Alice embraced her struggles. Sr. Alice went peacefully to her death at the age of 85 on October 2, 2023.

May she rest in peace.



In the 1960s, Dorothy received her Bachelors in Nursing and embarked on an adventure of a lifetime. She became a missionary in southern Chile, established clinics and provided healthcare to members of the Mapuches. Living a very simple life while ministering to the indigenous people would be instrumental in future life choices.

After being on mission, Dorothy returned to the U.S., received her Master's in Nursing and began a lengthy teaching career at Creighton University and the College of St. Mary in Omaha, NE. Dorothy married Frank Insolera and continued her career as they raised their son, Frank, Jr.

In 2010 Dorothy became an Associate of the Servants of Mary, ritualizing what she had lived throughout her life, a compassionate presence in the spirit of Mary.

After retiring from nursing, Dorothy filled her life with volunteering in a variety of ways at her parish as well as an Eucharistic Minister at Immanuel Hospital.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband Frank and is survived by her son, Frank Jr., and many nieces and nephews and Servite family.

May she rest in peace.



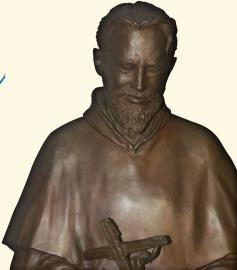
Dorothy Insolera August 14, 1932-October 2, 2023



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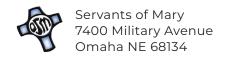
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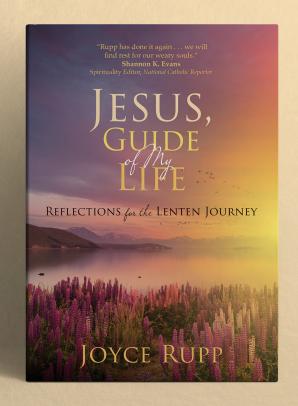
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