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Servite Sisters Today

A Newsletter for Our Families and Friends

Servite Lay Groups



St. Peregrine Secular Servite Community, Rice Lake

From the origins of the Servite Order in 1233, there were women and men who wished to share the charism and spirituality of the order while remaining in their homes, continuing their jobs, and tending to their family responsibilities. Over the years, various Servite lay groups arose to provide such people with mutual support in living out their Servite vocation. Today there are two lay groups associated with the Ladysmith Servants of Mary, Secular Servites (Order of Secular Servants of Mary) and Servite CoJourners.

Secular Servites

Secular Servites, by far the older of the two groups, received official recognition from Pope Martin V in 1424. Today they are the fastest growing and largest group of Servites in the world.

"It is difficult to have an exact number of Secular Servites," says Father Vidal Martinez, OSM, General Secretary for the Secular Order and Lay Groups, "because these communities are actively growing and it's hard to keep an accurate record." He estimates that there are between 10,000 and 15,000 Secular Servites in nearly 300 communities internationally. There are about 30 communities in the United States.

The Secular Servite vocation is a way of responding to the challenge of baptism to minister to God's love in the world. Secular Servites live the Christian virtues of faith, hope, and love, pray and read Scripture, and practice daily acts of reverence for the Mother of God. They meet as a community several times a year for prayer, study, and ministry.

Most communities of Secular Servites are affiliated with a group of Servite Friars or Sisters and have a Friar or Sister assistant. Two communities of Secular Servites are affiliated with the Ladysmith Sisters, the St. Juliana Community in

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St. Juliana Secular Servite Community, Ladysmith

President's Message

This issue of *Servite Sisters Today* throws a spotlight on the increasing number of lay Servite women and men with whom we share a common charism, which is to be, like Mary, a compassionate presence in people's lives.

There is a rich variety of Servite lay groups in the world today. They include Servite CoJourners, Servite Associates, Servite Secular Institutes, Servite Youth Missionaries, Servite Diaconie (families), Friends of the Servants of Mary, Servite Confraternities, etc.

By far the largest and fastest growing group of lay Servites is the Order of Secular Servants of Mary (Secular Servites), once known as the Third Order. Today there are an estimated 10,000–15,000 Secular Servites worldwide. They outnumber all Servite friars, nuns, and sisters combined by about three to one.

Other religious orders are seeing a similar explosion in lay vocations, at the same time as we are witnessing a resurgence of new ecclesial lay societies, such as the Focolare movement, Communion and Liberation, the Community of Sant'Egidio, and L'Arche.

But we don't have to look to this dramatic rise in lay groups to know that laity in the church are no longer content merely to "pray, pay, and obey." Today lay ministers play an increasingly vital role in our parishes and communities. If there is a plus side to the decline in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, it's that the gifts of the laity are now more needed and appreciated than ever before.

When I was a child growing up in the pre-Vatican II world, laypersons were seen as third-class citizens in the church. Priests took first place, and religious brothers and sisters a distant second. A layman who became a priest was said to be "elevated" to the clerical state, and a defrocked priest was said to be "reduced" to the lay state.

Vatican II changed all that. No longer are laypersons regarded as lower in rank, dignity, and worth. Today they stand shoulder to shoulder with clergy and religious as "co-workers in the various forms and modes of the one

Lay Vocations Thriving

apostolate of the Church" ("Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity").

The source of this radical equality of all People of God is baptism. "From their rebirth in Christ, there exists among all the Christian faithful a true equality regarding dignity and action by which they all cooperate in the building up of the Body of Christ according to each one's own condition and function" (Canon 208).

We Servite Sisters took to heart the new light that Vatican II shed on the vocation of the laity. Twenty years ago we adopted a directional statement that said: "By 2010, the Servants of Mary will see themselves and their charism lived out in the ministry of the laity wherever they have ministered, because of their discipleship and empowerment."

When 2010 rolls around next year, I think we will be able to say: "Mission accomplished!" Today we see our Servite charism lived out in the lives of those with whom we have ministered and whom we have served; in the schools, hospitals, nursing homes, agencies, and parish offices that we once staffed and that are now in the hands of competent, compassionate laypersons. And we see the Servite charism lived out in a special way in the lives of lay Servites, those Secular Servites and Servite CoJourners affiliated with our community.

I don't mean to suggest that the laity have finally found their full and proper voice and place in the church. Rather, I think we are only beginning to understand the call of Vatican II to the laity. But we are finally on the right path, and that's a reason to celebrate.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S. Theresa".

Sister Theresa Sandok, OSM

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Ladysmith and the St. Peregrine Community in Rice Lake, Wis. Servite Sisters serve as assistants for these communities and for the Salve Regina Community in Kissimmee, Fla., and the Sts. Alexis & Juliana Community, in Hillside, Ill.

For information about becoming a Secular Servite, contact Veronica St. Louis, OSSM, at (715) 458-2822 or doz@chibardun.net.

Servite CoJourners

The newest lay group affiliated with the Ladysmith Servites, and perhaps the newest in the entire Servite Order, is the Servite CoJourners. The CoJourners trace their beginnings to a causal conversation about eight years ago at a jubilee celebration in Ladysmith, when two former Servites, Mary Jo Loftus and Carol Stewart, got into a discussion with Sister Bonnie Alho about the value of some form of ongoing association.



A gathering of Servite CoJourners

Shortly after this initial conversation, a group that included Servite Sisters and former members and their spouses began to meet on a regular basis to discuss possibilities for collaboration. One of the first fruits of these discussions was a Servite reunion in Ladysmith in October 2004, followed by a repeat performance in the Chicago area in March 2005.

The newly emerging lay group continued to meet and, in 2006, took the name Servite CoJourners. In 2008 the CoJourners adopted a mission state-

ment, in which they describe themselves as “women and men living the Servite charism of compassionate presence,” and commit themselves to “live compassionate presence in individual circumstances, opportunities and lifestyle,” “share through support, prayer, and gatherings,” “respond to social justice concerns,” and “recognize Mary as a model of compassion.”

A group of Servite CoJourners in Wisconsin and Minnesota gathers two or three times a year for prayer, discussion, food, and friendship. The CoJourners also publish an annual newsletter, “Common Threads.” Today the group that began with former members and their spouses is open to anyone who shares the values of the CoJourners’ mission statement.

For information about becoming a Servite CoJourneyer, contact Mary Jo Loftus at (763) 421-1110 or maryjoloftus@comcast.net.



May Crowning

Sisters living at Addolorata Villa in Wheeling, Ill., gather for a photo op with Father Nicolas Husain, Director of Mission Integration and Pastoral Care, following the Villa’s first annual May Crowning Service. Front row from left, Sisters Mary Veronica Davison and Mary Eileen McGing. Middle row, Sisters Mary Roberta Prince, Mary Eugenia Tremblay, Mary Celestine Tremblay, and Helen Frances Doremus. Back row, Father Husain, Sisters Patricia Ann Ferguson, Mary Helen Conley, and Paula Jaworski.

Their Loss is Our Gain

Our Christmas 2008 appeal letter, in which we told about Sister Geraldine who knits mittens for the Social Concerns Committee of St. Anthony de Padua Parish in Tony, Wis., to distribute to needy children, sparked a unique response from two young women.

Katie, Sister Theresa Sandok's niece, and her friend Jenny were both in Weight Watchers, struggling to reach their goal. After seeing the Christmas letter, they decided to enter into a wager as an incentive to lose weight. For every pound of weight gained in a given week, they added money to the pot. To make the wager more interesting, if

both lost weight, the one who lost the least amount contributed the difference between the weight losses.

After establishing the ground rules for the bet, they decided that the winner of the pot would be not one of them, but the Servite Sisters, and they dubbed the project the "Nun Fund."

Jenny, who is also a knitter, decided to send her leftover yarn to Sister Geraldine for her mittens. She also collected yarn from her knitter friends. After four months of growing the "Nun Fund" and collecting yarn, Jenny and Katie sent the Sisters a check for \$114 nestled in a box of yarn.

Sister Geraldine with mittens she knitted for needy children



Servite Sisters Work to Stamp Out Human Trafficking

The Servite Sisters have adopted a corporate stance against trafficking of persons in all its forms, especially trafficking for purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labor. In taking this stance, the Sisters have pledged to work toward the elimination of this modern form of human slavery by prayer, education, action, and advocacy.

The Trafficking Victims' Protection Act of 2000 defines human trafficking as "the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of subjecting that person to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery."

According to Sister Barbara Thomalla, who chairs the Sisters' Committee Against Human Trafficking, "many people are surprised to learn that human trafficking is happening in our own country." "Traffickers prey on vulnerable persons," she said. "With false promises of good jobs and security, traffickers transport victims into various types of human bondage such as prostitution and forced labor in coffee and cocoa fields, restaurants, construction, and manufacturing."

When it comes to human trafficking, the Servite Sisters put their money where their mouth is. Six years ago the Sisters awarded a \$25,000 grant from their Mary Alphonse Bradley Fund to Capacitar International, a California-based organization that assists trafficked women. The grant enabled Capacitar to expand its mission and staff by hiring Salvatorian Sister Sheila Novak. The Servite Sisters are also one of over 40 religious orders that provide financial support for the online newsletter "Stop Trafficking."

The Servite Committee Against Human Trafficking is a volunteer group established in 2006 to help Sisters learn about human trafficking, keep them informed of pending legislation, and suggest ways to get involved in stamping out trafficking. Serving on the Committee with Sister Barbara are Sisters Dolores Henke, Cecilia Fandel, Marguerite Samz, and Anita Swansen.

Stop Trafficking !

Anti-Human Trafficking Newsletter



Awareness

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Action

Servite Sisters help fund the online newsletter "Stop Trafficking" (www.stopenslavement.org)

Three Sisters—180 Years of Service

Three Servite Sisters celebrated jubilees of religious profession this year: Sister Mary Eugenia Tremblay (70 years), Sister Mary Bernice VanderLoop (60 years), and Sister Cecilia Fandel (50 years), for a combined total of 180 years of dedicated service.

Sister Mary Eugenia was an educator for most of her religious life. She received a teaching certificate from

of poetry and a historical novel, “Healing Saint: St Peregrine, Servant of Mary.” Sister lives at Addolorata Villa, Wheeling, Ill., with her sister, Sister Mary Celestine.

Also an educator most of her religious life, Sister Mary Bernice has a BA from the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minn., and an MA in Education from the University of Wisconsin-Superior. She taught in elementary schools staffed by the

of Mary. She is a resident of Rusk County Memorial Nursing Home in Ladysmith, where she enjoys the daily visits of her sister, Sister Mary John.

Sister Cecilia earned a BS from Mount Senario College and an MA in Community Organization and Organizational Development from Loyola University, Chicago. She taught in elementary schools staffed by the Servants of Mary in Minnesota and Wisconsin and was principal of Our Lady of Sorrows School in Ladysmith, which she attended as a child. She served on the Servants of Mary leadership team and as vocation and formation director. Since 1987 she has worked at Howard Area Community Center, Chicago, serving as community organizer, outreach director, and program developer. Today she is moderator of the seniors club, coordinator of community gardens, and learning facilitator at Howard Area Leadership Academy. She is also director of religious education at St. Henry’s Parish, Chicago.

Jubilee!

Rusk County Normal School, a BA from DePaul University, Chicago, and an MA in English from Marquette University, Milwaukee. She taught kindergarten, elementary school, and high school English in schools staffed by the Servants of Mary. She was a professor of English at Mount Senario College, Ladysmith, and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. She is the author of two books

Servants of Mary in New Jersey, Minnesota, West Virginia, and Wisconsin, and served as principal in Minnesota and West Virginia. She was a professor of education and chair of the education department at Mount Senario College, and served as educational consultant and superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Superior. From 1980 to 1986, she was president of the Servants



Sister Mary Eugenia



Sister Mary Bernice



Sister Cecilia

In Memoriam

Sister Martha Kormendy (Mary Philomena)

1927-2009



Sister Martha Gezella Kormendy, 81, died June 2, 2009, at Rusk County Memorial Nursing Home in Ladysmith, Wis. She was born in Java, S.D., the youngest of 16 children. She entered the Servants of Mary in Ladysmith in 1944, after hearing about the community from a missionary priest. Her first assignments were to household duties. She later taught in elementary schools staffed by the Servants of Mary in Wisconsin, Illinois, and New Jersey. She served on the religious education staff of the Diocese of Superior and as coordinator of religious education at parishes in Medford, New Richmond, Erin Prairie, and Bruce, Wis. In 1986 she moved to San Xavier Mission in Tucson, Ariz., to minister among the Papago Indians. While in Tucson, she joined a weeklong Witness for Peace delegation to Nicaragua. In 2003 she returned to Bruce, where she lived until she was diagnosed with cancer in March 2009. She moved to the nursing home in Ladysmith, where she spent her final days surrounded by Sisters, family, and friends.

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African Sisters Immaculate Nabukalu (Uganda), Evelyn Ekesa (Milwaukee), and Irimina Nungari (Kenya), all members of the Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, pictured here with Servite Sisters Theresa Sandok and Sandra DeGidio. Over the years the Servite Sisters have assisted the Little Sisters of St. Francis with various educational and humanitarian projects. When Sisters Immaculate and Irimina visited the United States last December, they presented Sisters Theresa and Sandra with beautiful beaded necklaces—and then enjoyed the Sisters' reaction upon learning that they were Maasai wedding necklaces.

And The Award Goes To...

Sister Cecilia Fandel was selected to receive two prestigious awards this spring, the City of Chicago's 2009 Luminary Senior Citizens Award and the Archdiocese of Chicago's 2009 Catechetical Ministries Award.

The Luminary Senior Citizens Award is the highest award of the Chicago Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Mayor Richard M. Daley presented Sister with the award on May 2. In nominating Sister for the award, Pamela Barnet, executive director of the Howard Area Community Center where Sister has ministered for over 20 years, wrote: "Sister Cecilia's dedication to the Rogers Park community is truly inspiring. Her actions and words are a guiding light to neighborhood residents. Above all, she leads community members to take action together and realize their own strength. I cannot think of any single individual who has had a greater impact on our community, and I truly believe there is no one more deserving of induction into the Chicago Senior Citizens Hall of Fame."

Sister received the Archdiocesan Catechetical Ministries Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to catechetical ministry at St. Henry Parish in Chicago. The award



Sister Cecilia with Chicago Mayor Richard Daley

was presented by Archbishop Francis Cardinal George on May 12. Sister was nominated for the award by St. Henry Deacon Neba Ambe, who credited her with single-handedly designing and launching the CCD program at the parish. Praising her organizational skills and personal attention to students, he wrote: "She is a dynamic agent of unity in the parish, always coming up with ideas that call for the participation of people from various ethnic groups." St. Henry's parishioners come from over 25 countries.



Sister Dominica receiving the Pax Christi Award from Fr. Andrew Ricci

Sister Mary Dominica Effertz was honored as this year's recipient of the St. Francis de Sales Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Pax Christi Award. The award is given to an outstanding woman in the parish who uses her faith as an example for all. Sister has ministered at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Spooner, Wis., for 40 years, first as a teacher in the parish school and now as a member of the parish pastoral care team and as music minister for the Saturday evening liturgy.

In nominating Sister for the award, Pamela Olson of the parish CCW wrote: "Our Pax Christi nominee is a Christian woman who has spent her entire life giving to others. She is well educated, gentle, and kind. Her outstanding personal qualities and involvement in activities are an example for all of us. Her unflinching

love and faithfulness is a light for other people. In imitation of Mary, she strives to be a compassionate presence in the lives of those whom she is privileged to serve.... [She] has touched so many and made a difference."

Sister was recognized along with other award recipients at the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's annual convention in Hudson, Wis., on June 16. With the award came a monetary gift that Sister chose to give to the Servite Sisters of Myanmar to help with reconstructing St. Mary's Home for Orphans, which was destroyed last year by Cyclone Nargis.

The Wisconsin Directors of Religious Education Federation (WDREF) presented **Sister Casimira**

Benbenek with the Faithful Servant Award for her many years of service to the organization. The award, which was specially created for Sister Casimira, was presented at a banquet on Nov. 13 in conjunction with the 2008 WDREF annual convention in Stevens Point, Wis. Joanie McKeown, who presented the award, said Sister Casimira "has worked very quietly behind the scenes for many, many years as a board member and on countless committees," and that members continue to seek her out for advice, which



Sister Casimira with her Faithful Servant Award

is "always full of wisdom." Sister's friends managed to get her to the banquet without spilling the beans. She was also surprised to see a number of family members, including her 89-year-old mother, who came to share her celebration.

Casey at the Convent

When Casey Berg, a student in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the University of Mary in Bismark, N.D., signed up for an eight-week internship at Rusk County Memorial Hospital in Ladysmith, he knew he'd be needing a place to stay, but a convent was furthest from his mind. So when it was suggested that Casey might stay at the convent next door to the hospital, he was intrigued, to say the least.

When he called to make arrangements, his phone call with one of the sisters lasted over 20 minutes. "I knew then that I was going to enjoy my living arrangements," he said.

Describing his arrival, Casey said: "As I walked into the convent, I was immediately greeted by a few of the sisters, and within thirty minutes they had already served me supper. Later that evening I was shown the grounds and the beautiful gardens. Once again, these were great signs that I was going to enjoy my stay."

Prior to his stay at the convent, Casey, a Lutheran, admitted to having many preconceived notions about sisters. "I assumed that they would be praying continuously and that silence would be the only sound heard in the house," he said.

He discovered quite the opposite. He especially enjoyed mealtimes and the opportunity to get to know the sisters. He enjoyed their stories, their individual quirks, and their sense of humor. He also enjoyed playing cards with them, even though, he said, "they never let me win."

"Overall, staying at the convent was a wonderful experience," said Casey. "I felt as though I was part of their family everyday, and what more can a person ask for? What I learned from this experience was to be optimistic, open minded, and find what makes you genuinely happy and content."

As for the sisters, they found Casey to be a personable fellow and fun to have around.

They said he was efficient, talented (he plays both piano and organ), and an all around "neat kid."

Casey developed a special relationship with each of the sisters. During his time with them he took photos of himself with each of them. The evening before he left, he presented each sister

with a print of her photo, on the back of which he wrote a personal note describing how she had personally touched his life.

The sisters have been providing room and board for physical therapy interns for ten years, following an inquiry from the head of the PT department at the hospital. In that time they have housed twenty young women and, for the first time this year, two young men.



Casey and the Motherhouse community

The interns are invited to eat, pray, and recreate with the sisters. Most of them join the sisters for the evening meal, help with dishes, and occasionally join the sisters for cards or other games in the evening. One helped in the garden, because she used to help in her grandmother's garden and missed it.

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Sisters' Garden

First Lady Michelle Obama made headlines when she dug up a patch of the South Lawn and planted an organic garden. The Ladysmith Servites have had an organic garden since the late 1920s. This garden not only served the Sisters' dietary needs; it also provided produce for St. Mary's Hospital.

From 1936 to 1989 Sister Bridget Mahoney was the major gardener. Her main assistants during those years were a horse named Dick and a donkey named Brother Francis. There was a brief hiatus in the gardening in the early 1970s, but hoeing resumed a few years later. Since the 1980s, Sister Rosemary Fandel has been the main gardener, assisted first by Sister Mary Ambrose Vogel and now by Sister Mary De Lourdes Plourde.

This year's garden yielded a bountiful harvest.



Sister Casimira and Brother Francis (1960s)



Sister Rosemary prepares soil for planting



Sisters Rosemary and De Lourdes attack the weeds



Sister De Lourdes proudly displays fruits of her labor