

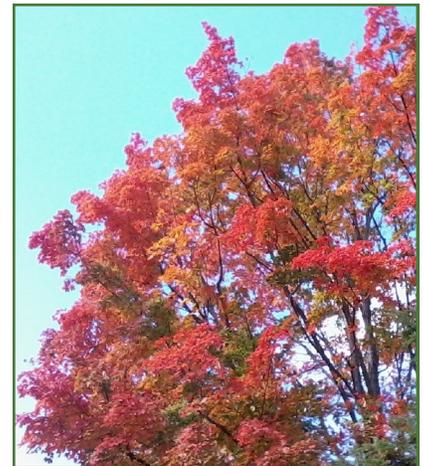
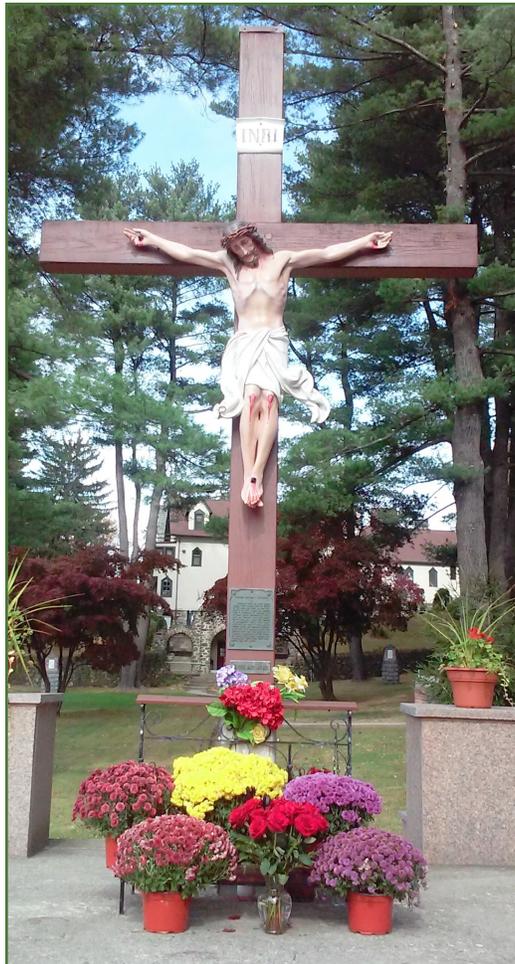
# Community Notes & News

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE ATONEMENT

August, September & October 2014



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***“Nature, herself, is teaching us to meditate upon the transitoriness of all things outside of God and His heaven. But lest the lesson of the falling leaves and the withering flowers should cast us into morbid and unprofitable musing upon death, as an ‘end’ rather than as a means, our Mother, the Church, bids us ... lift up our eyes to Paradise where we behold all glorious re-blossoming and luxuriant fruit ~ age of earth’s transplanted treasury ....”***

~ Words of Mother Lurana Mary White, S.A.  
Foundress of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement

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# “We Joy in God” at the Motherhouse

~ by Sr. Mary Pat Galvin ~ House Coordinator ~

Within these recent three months of August / September / October we have shared many holidays and special feast days with each other as well as our usual activities of the monthly Days of Recollection, monthly House Meetings, birthday celebrations, monthly bingo activity night, and so many other moments of shared life. It draws us to really reflect on the multiple ways that “*We Joy In God*”!!!

August was a time of transition on the Graymoor Grounds as Sisters responded to new Mission experiences ~ the comings and goings were highlighted by gatherings to give thanks for the “yes” of commitment. On August 19<sup>th</sup> we shared our “goodbyes” with Srs. Rene Drolet, Leila Spaulding and Roberta Southwick. Then on August 31<sup>st</sup> we shared our “welcome” with Srs. Hope Marie Fulkco, Frances Flynn, Mary Mulligan, Eileen Waldron, Eleanor White, and Mary Trinitas Mayer. A joy-filled trip to Cold Spring for a summer treat of *Moo Moo’s Ice Cream* also took place!

September always brings out enjoyment in our annual *Labor Day Picnic* drawing closure to the summer season. Our *Annual Sisters Retreat* was held the week of September 15<sup>th</sup> with Rev. Senan Taylor, OFM Cap as the Retreat Director ~ it was a truly life-giving experience for all of the retreatants. The other highlight of the month was our *Annual Fall Area Meeting* on the 27<sup>th</sup> with 36 participants ~ it was a real gift of deep sharing on our draft Mission and Vision Statements. We also held a ‘mini-Area Meeting’ for our Residence Sisters on Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> ... the 12 participants were actively engaged with words of wisdom about the proposed Mission and Vision Statements.

October of course, always provides us with the opportunities to “Joy in God” celebrating *St. Francis Day ~ Covenant Day ~ Corporate Reception Day*. Sharing these Feast Days with our Friars and Associates is a real blessing! This year on *Halloween* we had a special hour of *BINGO* in the afternoon with multiple “characters” showing up in costume! It was a fun time for all and we followed up with cider and fresh donuts!

For some it would seem to be a contradiction of terms that our most precious moments of **JOY IN GOD** come with the passing of one of our Sisters into the gift of eternal life! But for us, as women of faith, this is our reason for being and our greatest cause for joy ~ *at-one-ment* with our God! On October 14<sup>th</sup> *Sr. Margaret Mullin* passed on to her eternal reward while residing at *Lurana Health Care Residence*. Great joy was the reality as Sr. Margaret peacefully entered into her heavenly abode while in the presence of Sr. Jacinta and several faithful friends ~ *Alleluia!!!*



May the  
Lord  
bless you,  
May the Lord  
keep you.  
May He show  
His face

~ WE JOY IN GOD ~



# ***Comings and Goings ... in Faithful Love!***

This past August was a time of *coming and going* ~ *going and coming* for our Sisters in response to the “call to mission”! In Franciscan simplicity and joy we gathered to celebrate the “yes” of our Sisters in responding to the needs of the times.

***“Following in the spirit of St. Francis and our founders, Mother Lurana and Father Paul, we are missionaries who witness to gospel values in our lives.”*** (Faithful Love #63)



**We joy in God ...**

Pictured above are: ***Sisters Roberta Southwick, Leila Spaulding and Rene Drolet*** at our Motherhouse gathering of sharing our “goodbyes” on August 19, 2014. Sr. Roberta is going to *St. Anthony’s Guest House* in Assisi, Italy. Sr. Leila to the *Franciscan Centre* in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Sr. Rene to the *Washington Retreat House* in Washington, DC.

***For the sake of  
the Mission!***



Pictured above are: ***Sisters Hope Marie Fulkco, Frances Flynn, Mary Trinitas Mayer, Mary Mulligan, Eleanor White, and Eileen Waldron*** at our Motherhouse gathering of sharing our “welcome” to Graymoor ministries on August 31, 2014. Sr. Hope Marie came to *Lurana Health Care Residence*. Srs. Frances, Mary and Eileen came to *Our Lady of the Atonement Retreat House*. Sr. Eleanor came to the *Pastoral Care Department* and Sr. Mary Trinitas came to the *Sisters’ Gift Shop*.

***“We strive also to be instruments of justice and peace wherever we labor in building up the Body of Christ. ... Through prayer and ministry, we proclaim the Gospel seeking to fulfill the prayer of Jesus, ‘that all may be one’.”*** (Current Mission Statement)

# Lurana Health Care Residence

~ by Sr. Theresa Ann Clarizio, Co-Coordinator ~

**We wish to express** our sincere and deepest gratitude to **Sr. Mary Sarah Dolan** and **Sr. Eileen Waldron** for their contributions to the Sisters and Staff at the Lurana Health Care Residence over this past year. Your ministries and services were very much appreciated.



As summer turns to Autumn, we would like to extend a warm “welcome” to both **Sr. Eleanor White** (right) in Pastoral Care, and **Sr. Hope Marie Fulkco** (left), who will minister on night-duty. Sr. Hope Marie is also known to some of us, as “There’s Hope today!” And it is so true, that “hope” is very much needed in our lives and in our world today!



**In addition** to these two Sisters, we would also like to extend a warm “welcome” to our new Nursing Supervisor, Ms. **Bernadette Alexander** (left). We are deeply grateful for Bernadette’s added presence to our Staff and we wish her all the best in her new responsibilities.

*“Welcome and blessings!”*

**Ordinarily**, summer is a time to slow down for rest and relaxation. It is a time to get rejuvenated in body, mind, heart, spirit and soul! We were offered the opportunity to do just that by participating in our Sisters’ Annual Retreat given by Fr. Senan Taylor, OFM, CAP, and by attending the Sunday Scripture study with Sr. Pat Burke, and also the continuing reflection series with Ms. Maryann Martinez on “Reflections on a Life Well Lived.” To assist our *souls*, Fr. Fred Nickle, OFM Cap., comes for confession and the Anointing of the Sick is given by one of our Atonement Friars, Fr. John Keane, SA. To continue the journey of refreshing our spirits and souls, we attended the Holy Hours offered for vocations, and for those women who suffer from the trauma of post-abortion; there were also the First Friday conference reflections given by Sisters Margaret Sikora, Clare Francis Murphy, Theresa Cristina, Rosanne McDonald and others. These summer days offered us many days for reflection, along with several Community and National feast days and holidays.

**During these last days of summer**, other important happenings also occurred such as our annual Area Meeting, the Resident Dining Committee meeting with the Morrison Food Service Staff, our once-a-month House meetings, hairdresser days and meeting with the visiting hygienist who cares for our Resident Sisters unable to visit the local dentist. Those are just a few more things to add the enrichment of our lives.

**Last, but not least**, we all know that to *live a balanced life*, we need not only work, but ‘play!’ We did this by celebrating a number of birthday parties, playing BINGO, enjoying *treats*, and enjoying our Labor Day picnic! We thank the Morrison Food Service for putting out a variety of mouth-watering picnic foods ~ way to go, Food Staff! Thank you! Do we know how to party, or what?

**Until next time**, know all of you, our Sisters, friends and readers are in our prayers.  
May you have a safe and holy holiday season in the next coming months!

# Our "Joy in God" Activities, Events & Experiences



An Outing on a hot Summer's Day

Sisters gathered together for an enjoyable afternoon by the Hudson River in Cold Spring, NY.

A special 'ice-cream' treat from Moo Moo's Ice Cream Shop was a highlight to the excursion!

In Photo (L-R): Sr. Barbara, Sr. Eileen, Sr. Roberta, Sr. Frances, Sr. Margaret Marie, Sr. Hope Marie, Sr. Marjorie, Sr. Mary Laetitia, Sr. Margaret Ann, Sr. Ann Kathleen, Sr. Consiline, Sr. Mary Nestor, Sr. Rene & Sr. Nancy

## Halloween Bingso and Fun!

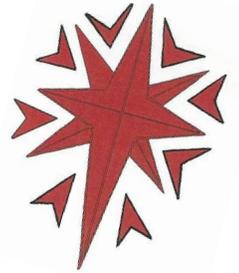


*What a lovely day we had. Although it was a little warm -  
we had no rain -  
all a gift from God.*

## *Benefactors' Day*



*Saturday, September 6, 2014  
Franciscan Sisters  
of the Atonement  
Graymoor, Garrison,  
New York*



*It was wonderful having close to fifty of our friends and benefactors as well as Sisters, Priests, musicians, helpers, cooks, all gathered together to express gratitude for so many blessings in our lives.*

*Thanks to all of you who helped sponsor this very special event.*

*Gratefully,  
Sister Eilish, Development Staff and all our Sisters.*

# Justice, Peace & INTEGRITY of CREATION

~ by Sr. Margaret Sikora ~

In early October, I read a column by my old friend, Fr, Robert Gregorio in the *Catholic Star Herald*, the Camden Diocesan newspaper. He writes a regular column called *On Behalf of Justice*. He has inherited his parents' strong sense of justice, as they worked tirelessly for the poor of Camden when they lived in the suburbs, and it was not popular to reach out to the poor there. As I thought about mid-term elections, this column came to mind which touches on two very different justice concerns that bear the same root. It is reprinted here with the permission of the author and of *The Catholic Star Herald's* Managing Editor, Carl Peters.

## **Profitable industries, complacency with the status quo**

“Recently, I suggested that the main reason for the virulent hostility we see toward both undocumented immigrants and to universal medical insurance is raw greed. Two different concerns share a common opponent in a national flaw, a rapacious surge to grab and hold every last dime, and the heck with the poor. This kind of Scrooge McDuck avarice gets lionized in the entertainment and news media as some kind of national virtue, to be taught to our kids early. It glorifies ruthless individualism and it loathes concern for others, putting it out of step with the Gospel —assuming that matters to Christians. Immigrants, or rather refugees fleeing often for their lives, are painted as threats to the labor market even though they perform valuable labor shunned by native born citizens. And health insurance for all is tarred as socialism, a McCarthy-era epithet used even to finger gift-giving Santa Claus as a commie because of his red suit.

**Another problem** we have because of our insatiable desire to acquire is our failure to shrink our carbon footprint, our consumption of carbon-based fuels like coal, gasoline, and natural gas. Let's face it: there is a not inconsiderable industry at home and worldwide that profits mightily from our assuming we have the right to devour limited fuel resources as though there were no tomorrow. Or children to populate this tomorrow. This industry runs commercials promoting our support of extracting natural gas by the “fracking” method despite what it has done to the drinking water and environment of natural gas fields. These ads want us to pester our representatives to deregulate the process so they can run roughshod over those who suffer. Laws provide the only safety barrier. Yet they want our help in getting rid of them in the name of smaller government.

**Another industry**, mammoth but increasingly rivaled by foreign manufacturers, is the auto business, which could have produced fuel-efficient engines generations ago but did not. For decades it bought up and buried patents for better cars. It has gotten us to accept \$50 and \$60 tank refills. This inflation ripples through the economy as industries dependent on moving their products to market pass on the mark-up to you and me.

**So I propose** combining some familiar ideas. What if we used the sun as a power source? What if on garage roofs there were solar panels, the way they've had in Israel for 40 years since Israel cannot very well buy petroleum from middle-east unfriendlies? And what if in those garages there were cars that ran on battery power gotten from those panels? In Germany they have widely distributed public recharging stations. Technology works to boost the capacity of present batteries and to make this kind of innovation more distance-practical. Since the world has the means, as is evident abroad if not here, to cut far back on our dependence on two major industries, can you smell the fear generated by the inability to sell sunshine, and by the inevitability of post-petroleum cars? It would be a stretch to say that God will relieve the poor by confounding the rich once this scenario arrives. Or would it? Christians know that the greatest commandment the Lord left us is love. This is not evident when people are kept poor artificially not just by two industries but much more so by everyone's complacency with a status quo we know is wrong. We can't say we love if we condone injustice.

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# Justice, Peace & INTEGRITY of CREATION



~ by Sr. Margaret Sikora ~

(continued from previous page) **Christian congregations**, where the full Gospel is preached, still blanch at homilies saying that people are more important than profit or property, and that the gifts of material creation are intended by the Creator for the use of all and not just of the fortunate who are white, American, employed, with home, food and clothing. Since our economic thinking is governed more by what we have rather than by what the less fortunate are unjustly kept from having, homilies like these unsettle worshipping stock-holders. But preaching the full Gospel necessarily means comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable.

**God equips everyone** with a conscience. So I suspect that the massive abandoning of church membership by the conscientious young stems from their judgment that false religion is a scam for the well off when the well off do not give evidence that we have a God-given obligation toward the poor, despite a visceral fear of socialism."

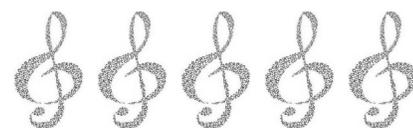
**My question:** *How am I being challenged to act for justice, rather than be complacent with the status quo?*

*"We need, above all, to change our convictions and attitudes, and combat the globalization of indifference with its culture of waste and idolatry of money. We should insist upon the preferential option for the poor; strengthen the family and community; and honor and protect Creation as humanity's imperative responsibility to future generations. We have the innovative and technological capability to be good stewards of Creation."*

~ Pope Francis, Assisi Summit, Spring 2014



## "Harping Against Hunger"



~ submitted by Sr. Denise Robillard ~

On **Sunday, October 26, 2014**, local New York **youth, teen & adult** harp players joined **together in concert** to raise awareness about those who are **hungry** in our region and to help raise funds to **re-stock the food pantry of Franciscan Bread for the Poor, Inc.**, a non-for-profit charitable ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Name Province.

All proceeds went directly to St. Francis Breadline to help those in need.

The concert was held at the Roman Catholic Church of the Epiphany, 239 East 21st Street, NY, NY.



# News from the *Associate* Program



~ submitted by **Sr. Dolores Fenzel**, *Director of Associate Program* ~



The celebration of the Transitus of our Holy Father St. Francis with the Associates joining the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement from Mission San Juan Bautista, Madera, Bakersfield and Hollister, California took place on Friday, October 3rd.

We celebrated with a prayer service to remember the passing of St. Francis. Sr. Dolores Fenzel, Associate Director, led the Transitus prayer service. We prayed together and then celebrated together. It was thoroughly enjoyed by each of us. The gathering offered us the opportunity to see the joy that emerges when our Associates and Community members gather together for prayer.

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## Associate Mentor *News* from British Columbia

~ From San Juan Bautista, California ... TO ... Vancouver, British Columbia ~



Sr. Teresa

Sr. Bettie

Sr. June

### Visiting Sr. Bettie *in British Columbia*

Sr. Teresa (left) and Sr. June (right), Associate Mentors currently missioned in San Juan Bautista, California, visited Sr. Bettie Wilms (center), in British Columbia, Canada during their summer home-visit in July 2014.

It was a great visit with the sharing of many stories and, as you can see, many happy smiles!



"Greetings from all, Sr. Bettie!"

# Associate Retreat in Washington, D.C.

~ submitted by **Sr. Mary Electa Barber**, Associate Mentor in Washington, D.C. ~

On September 28, 2014, Associates gathered together at the Washington Retreat House for a day of prayer together. It was here that East Coast and West Coast met, as Sr. Thomas Marie from Madera, California was the retreat director, and she was assisted by two of the California Associates: Barbara Burroughs and Gilda Puglisi. Sr. Mary Electa, Associate Mentor in the Washington, DC area, coordinated this special retreat.



Left to Right: Ellen Hanyok, JoAnn McCarthy, Kathleen McFarland, Sr. Thomas Marie, Sheila Kelly, Gilda Puglisi (California), Mary Ann Tretler, Sr. Mary Electa, Marlene Vikor & Consuelo Powell



Above: Sr. Thomas Marie shares the symbols of Covenant Day.



Sr. Thomas Marie shares the story of the first Covenant Day.

Right: Consuelo lights a candle, while Gilda looks on.



Below: Kathleen washes the hands of Joanne.



Below: Marlene lights a candle.



**September 28, 2014 ~**  
held at the Washington Retreat House



Above: The Retreat was directed by Sr. Thomas Marie (center) and assisted by *California Associates*, Barbara Burroughs & Gilda Puglisi.



Covenant Day Symbols



Above: Mary Ann, Sheila & Sr. Thomas Marie



# New Associate Members

~ submitted by Sr. Mary Electa ~

On October 7, 2014, nine women made their commitment as Associate members. The ceremony took place at St. Francis Convent, Graymoor.



## Covenant Day 2014



### New Associate Members

(L-R in Photo):

- (\*Mentor, Sr. Mary Electa)
- Ellen Hanyok,
- Marlene Vikor,
- Consuelo Powell,
- Mary Louise Mahoney,
- (\*Mentor, Sr. Loretta),
- JoAnn McCarthy,
- Tara Taryn,
- Cynthia K. Perry,
- Kathleen McFarland,
- Mary Ann Tretler
- (\*Minister General, Sr. Nancy)



(Photo to right): On November 2, 2014 at the Washington Retreat House, two more women committed themselves as Associates: Sheila Kelly (left) & Sharon O'Brien (right). Sr. Mary Electa, Mentor for the Washington, D.C. Associates, is in the center.



(Left): The Associates of the Washington area also share the day with Bente Wolf (in white), an Associate from Italy by-way of Denmark.

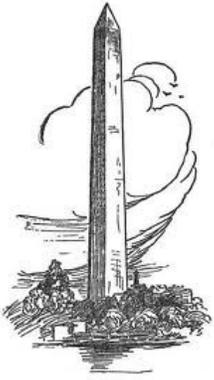
Welcome, Bente!



# Welcome, new Associate Members!

Ceremonies from: October 7 & November 2, 2014

# New Associates & Friends Visit Graymoor



**From Washington, DC  
to Graymoor**



**From Ireland  
to  
Graymoor**



(Left):  
Sr. Thomas Marie  
and  
California  
Associate,  
Gilda Puglisi



(Above):  
Local entertainment  
for the women's group:  
*"The Mountain Brook  
Harpers"*

**From California  
to Graymoor**



(Left): Sr. Thomas Marie  
with her sister, Colette  
Heavey, from Ireland.



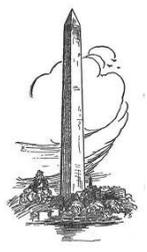
(Right): Sr. Thomas Marie  
with California  
Associate,  
Barbara Burroughs

(Above/L-R) Annie Hartigan,  
Sr. Denise and  
Janette Devine

**Associates & Friends "Joy in God"!**

# WOMEN'S GROUP FROM WASHINGTON, DC VISITED GRAYMOOR

October 6-9, 2014



# News from Assisi, Italy

## *St. Anthony's Guest House*

~ Sr. Alessandra Sciaboletta, Sr. Maria Albina Paris, Sr. Maria Gabriella Lamioni,  
Sr. Bianca Grasso & Sr. Suzanne Morissette ~

On October 1st, **Sr. Maria Albina** arrived in Assisi after ministering in Quadrelli, Italy for the past 15 years (and 10 years previously since 1959). Sister is gradually easing into the Assisi community.

With the October influx of pilgrims and travelers, there is much movement in the guest house so this helps to add life to Sister's daily rhythm. We are all slowly adjusting to the challenge of aging and diminishing mobility (wheelchair included). For the winter break we will live together at the guest house ... closing the small convent in order to continue renovations ....



On October 26 & 27, we will be celebrating the 28th anniversary of the "World Day of Prayer for Peace" that was held in Assisi in 1986. This will engage us as community in ecumenical and interreligious prayer . We will also be participating in 2 days of study and reflection. On Sunday, November 16th, the Quadrelli parish community with their pastor, Fr. Lek, will be hosting a day of recognition and thanksgiving for the Sisters' presence and ministry over the course of 71 years (1943-2014).



We in the Assisi community are grateful for **Sr. Bianca's** "yes" and her gift to the ministry of welcome and hospitality! Bianca, we wish you well in your new ministry in Washington, DC! Also, look forward to welcoming **Sr. Roberta** to the Assisi community and her return to St. Anthony's Guest House after ministering here previously from 1983—early 1986.



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## News from Rio Verde, Goiás, Brazil

~ from Sr. Dolores D'Aloia ~

# MONTH OF THE MISSIONS

October 16, 2014 ~ Igreja Nossa Senhora das Dores  
(Our Lady of Sorrows Church)



Catechists, students and families joined together to pray the Missionary Rosary. Five Continents were represented: Africa, Asia, Oceania, Americas & Europe. Sr. Dolores and Pastor Pe. Olavo Bremm were both present.

# *News from Yamato-shi Kanagawa-ken Japan*

~ Diocese of Yokohama ~

The building project for the new convent in Chigasaki began on October 1, 2014. The projected date of completion is May 31, 2015. These photos are from the blessing ceremony that took place on October 10, 2014. The land and the workers were blessed by the local pastor, Fr. Ichioya. The Sisters and numerous Construction Company business men were present.

Sisters in group photo below (left to right): Sr. Mavis, Sr. Paul Miki, Sr. Mary Stella and Sr. Angela Marie.



Fr. Ichioya leads the blessing ceremony.  
Below: Sr. Paul Miki, Sr. Mavis and Sr. Angela Marie



## *Updated Website*

Please take time to review the updated pages on our website. Put our web address into the "Address line" of your web browser, and the main page will appear. Tabs have been created to help locate other information of interest.

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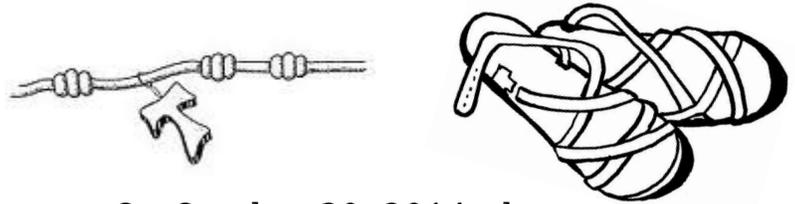
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A Missionary Congregation of Women Religious

Our Mission Who We Are Mass & Prayer

# *Beginning the journey from the Philippines*

~ Diocese of Imus ~



On October 30, 2014, the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement welcomed **Cynthia Carlos** and **Catherine Dusaban** into the Postulancy Program in the Philippines.

We ask your continued prayers for these women as they begin their journey in our Franciscan Atonement way of life.

## Photo to Right:

The Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement "Joy in God" with the addition of Postulants, Cynthia and Catherine.

(L-R): Sr. Helen, Sr. Nancy, Sr. Susan, Cynthia, Sr. Virginia, Catherine, and Sr. Margaret.



Above: Catherine, on left with rose, becomes a new Postulant; while Filipina, on right, joins in the prayer service. Filipina is a young woman who lives in our *House-of-Welcome* program.



Cynthia Carlos & Catherine Dusaban  
NEW POSTULANTS  
with the  
Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement  
October 30, 2014

# Franciscan Federation Update ~ Region 1, Fall Program

~ submitted by Sr. Theresa Ann Clarizio ~

The Region I Fall Program is on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. with Registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. It will close with Sunday Liturgy at 3:30 p.m.

Our Guest Speaker this year is Sr. Annette Luchesse, OSF who recently completed her service as a Councilor on the Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia from 2008-2014.

When the Franciscan Federation developed into regions, Sr. Annette served as a member of the Steering Committee of Region I for a number of years. Most recently Sr. Annette served on the Executive Committee of the Commission of Elected Leaders (ECCEL).

Our theme is: "Cultivation Kingdom Power" which follows the Annual Federation Conference that was held from July 18—21, 2014 in St. Louis, Missouri with the presenters being Sr. Margie Will, OSF and Fr. Michael Crosby, OFM Cap.

From 2 Cor. 5:17, "If anyone is in Christ, s/he is a new creation. The old order has passed away; now all is new!" Fr. Michael states, "For me, when I think of being 'in Christ' what that means for me is to be that Christ, that power, that reign to be the energy in the universe that brings about new social order. So there can be neither male nor female - sexism has to go, neither Jew nor Gentile - ethnocentrism has to go, cleric or lay has to go - all these power dynamics have to give way to the power of Spirit that is the energy and the force that is moving us in the evolutionary process to ever greater forms of communion, of community and of love. That is the future, how we are going to be one rather than what makes us different." We'll be expecting you.

## ~ Websites ~

Please take time to review websites related to our  
Community and ministries:

Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement, main website: [www.graymoor.org](http://www.graymoor.org)

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Graymoor.Sisters>

Lurana Shelter, Edmonton, AB, Canada: [www.luranashelter.com](http://www.luranashelter.com)

Franciscan Sisters Benevolent Society, Edmonton, AB, Canada: [www.fsbsociety.com](http://www.fsbsociety.com)



## *In Memory of Sr. Agnes Marie Moric*

RIP: July 25, 2014 in Alberta, Canada



**Sr. Agnes Marie Moric** was born on November 20, 1919 in Viette, Alberta, Canada. Her given name was Elizabeth “Betty” Marie. She died peacefully on the early morning of Friday, July 25, 2014 in the Youville Home of St. Albert, AB, Canada.

Sr. Agnes wrote about herself: *“I received my education in the country schools. The first time that I met the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement ~ Mother Lurana Francis White, Sr. Clare Marie Nenzel, Sr. Anastasia & Sr. Bonaventura ~ was at the home of my grandmother, Anna Moric. It was out on the farm in the Vilna district. I was 12-years old. Father Rooney was the pastor at Our Lady of the Atonement Shrine in Smoky Lake, AB, Canada. He brought the Sisters for an outing and they had dinner at my grandmother’s home. My grandmother, my Uncle Stanley, and my Aunts Annie & Mary all felt it was an honor, and a privilege, to have Sisters and the “Founder” of a Religious Order come and eat at their home! I remember Mother Foundress made the sign of the cross over my head and she said to me, “Someday, you’ll be blessed by God.”*

*“Later, I saw the Sisters in Smoky Lake. They were preparing the altar for Mass and getting the children lined-up for a procession. I also saw the Sisters at the annual Skaro, Alberta Pilgrimage on August 15, 1934. I was 14 years old at that time. I always had a yearning to follow Christ!”*

March 25, 1943 ~ Entrance into the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement

October 11, 1944 ~ First Profession of Vows

August 26, 1950 ~ Final Profession of Vows

Mission Assignments: British Columbia, Canada (Michel, Steveston and Natal), Motherhouse at Graymoor (Garrison, NY); Edmonton, AB, Canada (Atonement Home and St. Joseph’s Convent); Youville Home of St. Albert (2007—2014).

God rest your soul, Sr. Agnes Marie and “thank you” for your love to all of us!



# *In Memory of Sr. Lucille Hassey*

RIP: October 12, 2014 in Alberta, Canada

**Sr. Lucille Hassey**, 91, a Franciscan Sister of the Atonement from Graymoor, died on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital, Edmonton, AB, Canada after living there for a very short time. Sister Lucille (Olga Rosalia) was born on February 27, 1923 to Anastasia (Chepil) and Thomas Hassey of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where she grew up and later met the Sisters.



Sister Lucille was predeceased by her brother, Stanley, as well as her 3 sisters, Eugenia (Lupul), Rosalia and Hedwig. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.



Sister entered the convent as a postulant on October 20, 1946. She professed her first vows on May 17, 1948 and her final vows on August 29, 1953. As an Atonement missionary, Sister served in parish, catechetical, pastoral ministries in Canajoharie, NY, Canada (Edmonton, Revelstoke, and Golden); in guest house ministries in Italy (Rome and Assisi), in senior programs at Mother Lurana Home in Garrison, NY. Sister returned to St. Joseph's Convent, Edmonton, AB, Canada in May 1986 and resided there until her death.

**Sr. Lucille wrote:** *"It was through Betty Moric (Sr. Agnes Marie) that I heard about the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement — whom I later met in Edmonton and in Smoky Lake, Alberta. I entered on October 5, 1946 and on May 15, 1947, I was clothed with the Holy Habit and received the name 'Sister Lucille.' In March 1949, I was transferred to the Atonement Home in Edmonton ... I helped wherever I was needed, but I did not work with the children. Then, I cooked. On my own time, I would visit the Catholic patients in the Royal Alex Hospital once per week.*

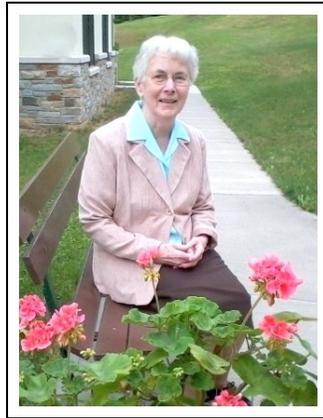
*"On August 29, 1953, I professed my Final Vows and in August 1963, I was transferred to Assisi, Italy for 6 months where I helped with household duties at our beautiful guest house. Later, I was transferred to Rome, Italy and helped there with household duties and with the visitors coming to this Holy City. In May 1973, I celebrated my Silver Jubilee as a Franciscan Sister of the Atonement and was transferred to Mother Lurana Home at Graymoor in 1974. I cooked for the Sisters and women who, at that time, lived there."*

Sr. Lucille offered her time and talents generously to others during her many years as a Franciscan Sister of the Atonement. During many of those years, she ministered to people through the gift of cooking, visiting the sick and elderly, and sharing joyful moments with her marvelous laugh and grand smile. She had a gift for doing embroidery, and around the time of her 90th birthday, she completed a needlepoint work of art. She was so happy with her accomplishment, and so were all the Sisters and friends who saw it. It was truly beautiful and a great attribute to the talent that Sister shared with others.



# *In Memory of Sr. Margaret Mullin*

RIP: October 14, 2014 at Graymoor, Garrison, NY



**Sr. Margaret Mullin**, 81, a Franciscan Sister of the Atonement from Graymoor, died on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at the Lurana Health Care Residence of St. Francis Convent, Garrison, New York. Sr. Margaret was born on April 14, 1933 to Margaret (Kiernan) and Patrick Mullin in Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim, Ireland. Sister is predeceased by two brothers, Patrick and Frank, and is survived by her sister, Sr. Jacinta Mullin, SA of Graymoor and her brother, John, of Manchester, England, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Sr. Margaret entered the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement in Ireland on March 7, 1948 and entered the Postulancy at Graymoor on April 17, 1949. She professed her first vows on October 24, 1950 and her final vows on September 1, 1956. As an Atonement missionary, Sister served in parish, catechetical and retreat ministries in California (San Juan Bautista and Oroville); New York (Dannemora, Cadyville, Brushton, Malone, and St. Cecilia's, NYC); Canada (Castlegar and Vancouver); Rhode Island (Harrisville); and Vermont (Burlington). In 1977, Sister received her BA in Religious Studies from Notre Dame College, Manchester, NH.

In the early 1980's, Sister was a formation directress within her congregation, and served on the Leadership Team from 1986-1991. For 15 years of her religious life, Sr. Margaret ministered at the Washington Retreat House, Washington, DC; serving as Director from 1999 to 2005. She also ministered at L'Arche in Washington, DC (1997-1998), later returning to the Washington Retreat House. Sr. Margaret returned to Graymoor in August 2010.



*Margaret's Legacy: "I enjoyed coordinating the ministry of the Washington Retreat House. I also enjoyed welcoming the retreatants to the retreat house and making them feel 'at home' and relaxed while they were there in their retreat time. Giving spiritual guidance to those who requested it was also enriching for them and also for me.*

*"Persons with disabilities always touched my heart and I lived with them in a L'Arche community in Washington, DC. They were blessings for me as I was for them ~ as were all those who ministered together ... God bless all of us and our ministries."*



Left:  
**"Sister Sisters!"**

Sr. Jacinta Mullin  
& her sister,  
Sr. Margaret Mullin

## *Remembrance Prayer Service Readings*

*“Your light continues to shine ...”*

~**Sunday, November 2, 2014** at St. Francis Convent/Motherhouse Chapel ~

“Death and life stand close together. It is difficult at times to see where one begins and the other ends. Once again, death’s mystery holds us in its arms and we are memoried with a thousand things you were and are, and now, always will be.

“We celebrate this journey with a quiet shyness always a little uncomfortable with a mystery so deep ... But with hearts full of life, we hold out our hands to receive the mystery of death ... the gift of death ... and sometimes we weep.

Eyes that see all the way in, now proclaim to us the new truth ... when you stand close enough to death, it isn’t death anymore.

Its new name is life, yet those of us with earth-eyes still call it death.

“There is really no death for those caught up in God, only a moment of passing over ~ a moment of folding up our tent ~ a hard, painful, giving-up moment.

It is always painful to let go.

“O God of life ... dip us into the mystery of letting go, of folding up our tents ~ so we, your earthen vessels, can bear the beauty of the breaking and hold the fullness of the life.”

*Seasons of Your Heart: Prayers and Reflections* by Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB, (Pages 123—125)

“All across the world, plants and flowers, trees and flags, mementoes and framed photographs stand on quiet graves to mark that communion of life that one generation feels with another. Our souls stretch always forward, yes, but our hearts stretch always back. The chain of life never breaks, the shape of soul never strains beyond what formed us, what filled us with life in the first place.

“We are bound to one another, each generation a link in the chain, each generation a standard for one to come. The people over whose graves we weep are not simply people we have known or who, though strangers, have had the decency to disappear from an earth already over-crowded.

No, we cry tears of loss only for those whose lives touched our own and made them better. We cry both for parents and for politicians, for friends and for public figures, for anyone who has lived out “the communion of saints,” the Eucharist of humankind, the Christening of life and made it real in our own time, in our own neighborhoods, in our own world.

We weep for those whose faith has formed our own.

“When we visit the graves and say the memorial prayers and tell the family stories over the bodies of the dead, we tell of the Christ we saw in them. We remember how it looked in them. We know in them what it is like to be driven by the consuming power of God, to be totally oriented toward God. The communion of saints stands before us, stark witness to the holiness of God, reminding us always to leave behind us for those yet to come a searing memory of the same.”

*In Search of Belief*, by Joan Chittister, O.S.B.



# Remembrance Prayer Service



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## *We Remember ...*

Sr. Attracta O'Neill, 6/25/1924 ~ 5/11/2014

Sr. Maria Anna Ribatti, 8/15/1922 ~ 6/24/2014

Sr. Agnes Marie Moric, 11/20/1919 ~ 7/25/2014

Sr. Lucille Hassey, 2/17/1923 ~ 10/12/2014

Sr. Margaret Mullin, 4/14/1933 ~ 10/14/2014

Our Friars, Associates, Families, Friends  
and Benefactors



## *- EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE -*

### Dear Sisters,

I extend grateful 'thanks' to each of you for your cards, prayers, and Masses in remembrance of my sister, Eva Bacchini. Your support was much appreciated.

Thank you and God bless you,

**Sr. Margaret Ann Ryan**



### Dear Sisters,

Many thanks for all your kindnesses to my sister, Sr. Margaret, during her illness. Thank you for all your cards, prayers and Masses for Sr. Margaret and the Mullin family.

God bless you,

**Sister Jacinta Mullin**



### Dear Sisters,

With deep gratitude, I send my deepest thanks to each of you for your kindnesses, sympathy cards, remembrances and Masses during the time of the loss of my dear brother, Maurice Bogue. I appreciated your thoughtfulness very much.

In gratitude,

**Sister Kathleen Bogue**

### Dear Sisters,

I would like to thank all the Sisters & Friars who sent Mass Cards and condolences to my sister and me on the death of our mom, Ardis MacDonald. She loved Graymoor and all the Sisters so much. Your wishes and love are of great comfort to us.

We truly have an Angel praying for us.

**Sr. Laurie Jeanne MacDonald**

# Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord ...

## **Sr. Agnes Marie Moric, 07/25/14 .. Franciscan Sister of the Atonement**

Dorothy Conto Duffy, 7/30/14 ..... Sister of Sr. Mary Ann Conto

## **Fr. Paul Ojibway, 08/10/14 ..... Franciscan Friar of the Atonement**

Eva Bacchini, 9/01/14..... Sister of Sr. Margaret Ann Ryan

Paul Michael Bishop, 9/10/14 ..... Nephew of Sr. René Drolet

Mrs. Ardis MacDonald, 10/16/14..... Mother of Sr. Laurie Jean MacDonald

Robert Selfridge, 10/09/14..... Brother of Janice Selfridge, Staff at MH

## **Sr. Lucille Hassey, 10/12/14 ..... Franciscan Sister of the Atonement**

## **Sr. Margaret Mullin, 10/14/14..... Franciscan Sister of the Atonement**

Anne Mullen, 10/14 ..... Sister-in-Law to Srs. Jacinta & Margaret Mullin

Mrs. Eileen Paziuk, 11/13/14 ..... Associate member & mother of Gail Paziuk

... and let perpetual light shine upon them!



## UP-COMING EVENTS

- ❶ November 29, 2014 - February 2, 2016 ~ Year of Consecrated Life
- ❷ December 15, 2014 ~ Foundation Day, Community Feast Day (Mass, 11:00 AM)
- ❸ December 21, 2014 ~ Advent Lessons & Carols at St. Francis Convent, 6:30 PM
- ❹ December 25, 2014 ~ Best Wishes for a blessed Christmas & a Happy New Year 2015!
- ❺ April 18, 2015 ~ Lurana Shelter's Avenue of Hope Gala, Edmonton, AB, Canada

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

**The DEADLINE to submit INFORMATION for the next  
Community Notes & News NEWSLETTER is JANUARY 15, 2015.**

~~ IT WILL BE THE WINTER ISSUE AND WILL COVER THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER, DECEMBER & JANUARY ~~

**Please send Newsletter articles & information directly to Sr. Denise Robillard**

~~ either through postal-mail –OR– in an Email to: [secretarygeneral@graymoor.org](mailto:secretarygeneral@graymoor.org) ~~

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*Thank you, Sr. Denise*