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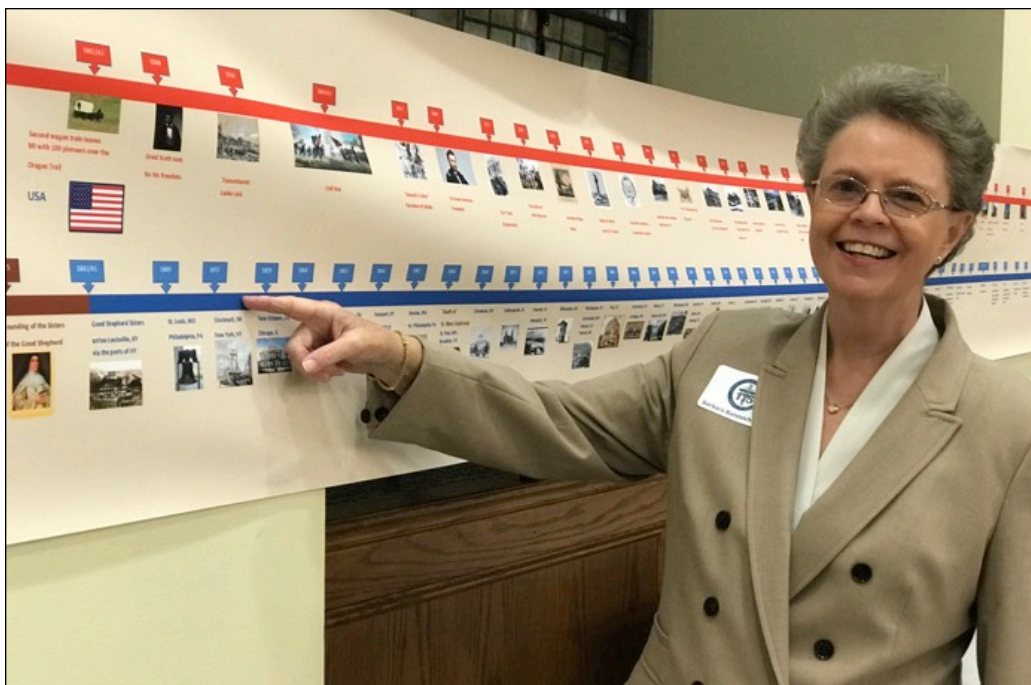
The National Advocacy Center's conference on human trafficking featured three survivors.

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We say final goodbyes to Sisters Clare Bingham and Nancy Bolton, as we remember them fondly.

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Former Good Shepherd Sister Barbara Banovich-Mroz developed a historic timeline of Sisters of the Good Shepherd in North America. She displayed the timeline at the 175th anniversary celebration that the New York/Toronto Province held in May.

175 YEARS IN NORTH AMERICA

Five Good Sisters landed on the shores of New York in 1842, after spending 30 harrowing days at sea. The Sisters sailed from France, with the goal of founding Good Shepherd in Louisville, at the bequest of

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Green Corner

The 2018 Saint Louis Climate Summit in April brought together some of the most authoritative minds in climate science, ecology, sustainable development, and related disciplines for three days of discussion on climate change. The purpose of the summit was to fulfill Pope Francis' call to unite in defense of our common home. Many of the summit's world-renowned speakers appeared before the Pontifical Academy of Science and the Pontifical Academy

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Bishop Benedict Joseph Flaget. The five Sisters, who ranged in ages from 23-27 and spoke five languages among them, landed at the southern tip of Manhattan after 30 miserable days of crossing the Atlantic Ocean aboard the immigrant ship Utica.

Sent from France by the Order's foundress, St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, the Sisters came to America to attend to the needs of women and girls who could not live at home because of abuse or emotional difficulties.

After being processed in New York, the Sisters made their way by stagecoach to Louisville, Kentucky, where they founded the first U.S. mission of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, better known as Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

The Sisters would return to New York City in 1857 to work with female prisoners and their families. That first ministry in Manhattan would eventually grow into Good Shepherd Services, which today offers 80 programs in the New York tri-state area and serves over 30,000 children and families.

The New York/Toronto Province hosted a full-day of fanfare on May 12 to commemorate the arrival of Good Shepherd to North America 175 years ago. Four Sisters from the Province of Mid-North America attended the fete: Madeleine Munday, Nora Pat O'Flannigan, Mary Carol McClenon and Maria Sowerby. Mission Partners Jeanette McDermott, Monte Abbott and Larry Couch also attended the affair.

The 175th anniversary celebration began with breakfast and unfolded gently and joyfully into reunions, Good Shepherd stories, lunch, presentations, music, ritual and evening Mass.

The Mid-North America Province held its own celebration of the 175th anniversary of Good Shepherd presence in North America during Spring Area Meetings throughout the Province in April. The ceremonies, called "Rise and Go Forth," featured readings that stated, in part:

"We begin the celebration of 175 years of rising and going forth, led by the gift and vow of zeal. We

celebrate what we are by being present to the memory of what we have been ... Let us take a moment's pause and hold in our hearts and minds the bishops who saw the need, the Sisters who were sent, the benefactors, lay partners, and the thousands of girls and women all encompassed by the sacred fire of zeal. And we give thanks."

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Sister Nora Pat O'Flannigan



Sister Madeleine Munday, Province Leader for Mid-North America, and Larry Couch, Director of Good Shepherd National Advocacy Center, share a laugh at the celebration in New York City.



Sister Maureen McGowan, Province Leader for New York/Toronto, played lead role in planning and organizing the event in New York that celebrated the 175th anniversary of Sisters of the Good Shepherd coming to North America.

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A number of Sisters from the provinces of Mid-North America and New York/Toronto attended the event celebrating the 175th anniversary of Good Shepherd presence in North America.

You can read an interview in [Global Sisters Report](#) with Sr. Maureen McGowan, Province Leader for New York/Toronto. In the article, Sr. Maureen talks about our 175-year history in North America and our international congregation. She speaks about our presence at the United Nations and commitment to empowering vulnerable women and girls.

She talks about Good Shepherd's focus on combatting human trafficking and addresses Mission Partners, Good Shepherd Volunteers, the Good Shepherd charism, and the many ministries that Good Shepherd sponsors. The article ends with Sr. Maureen stating, "The need for our ministry will always be there. I don't know what it will look like in the end, but

we are doing our part to keep weaving the tapestry so that our network stays alive and healthy. We invest a lot in our Mission Partners. So whether or not there are Sisters here, our Mission Partners have a foundation that will help them fan those flames, keeping the mission alive. It all leaves me with tremendous gratitude and hope."

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New reading club on Facebook for SME fans

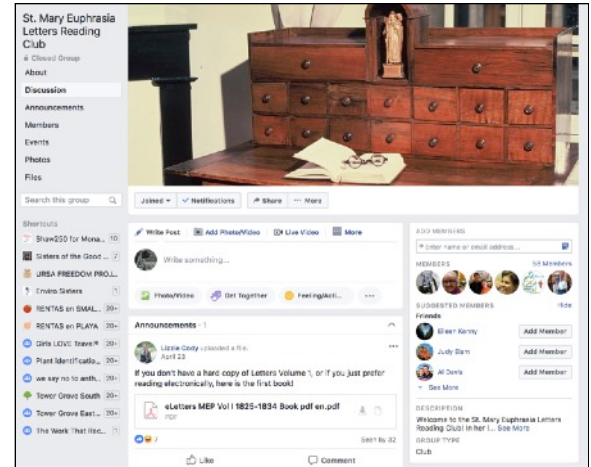
The Mission Effectiveness team has launched a reading club on Facebook for people who want to study and discuss St. Mary Euphrasia's letters. Members of the club are encouraged to read 10 letters each week.

Lizzie Cody uploads the letters to the facebook group as PDFs, making it easy to find the letters. Since launching the reading club on May 21, membership has grown to 60 people, and the numbers are climbing.

This is a great way to stay connected with other Good Shepherds and to enhance your knowledge of St. Mary Euphrasia. Members can join at any time. Lizzie and Stella Villaseñor, from Collier Youth Services, are co-leading the reading club.

"I hope there will be a lot of participation," Lizzie said.

Here's the link to join the St. Mary Euphrasia Letters Reading Club:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/831736800368890/>



Gratitude

Dear Jeanette, I just want to say how much I loved reading about the statue of St. Mary Magdalen in *Items of Interest* ([March 2018 issue](#)). I, too, used to pray in front of her every time I visited our Sisters in Baltimore. Contemplative Sisters in Cheltenham have a similar statue in their parlor.

Our community in Los Angeles had a statue exactly like it. It broke my heart to leave her. Recalling memories of my Formation in Los Angeles, this statue was always a part of them. When I was a postulant I was given charge of cleaning the community room. I polished the floor with this heavy machine that was really a challenge to control. Saint Mary Magdalen was in the center of the room perched on a high pedestal and I used to talk to her.

Now, it wasn't a typical prayer. I actually told her that if I knocked her over I would have to run away! She was eventually moved to our front entrance where she remained until we Contemplative Sisters left. I never knew if my prayer was

heard by someone other than the saint! Anyway, I smile when I think of her as she remains in my heart as a lovely companion on my journey.

Of course, the first photo that caught my eye in this issue was of Mary Magdalen, but I read the March Items cover to cover night before last and there were others that touched me in a different way.

When Larry wrote for donations before going to Ecuador I felt so helpless. I let him know that the only way I could give anything would be through prayer. I promised him a rosary each day of his trip and followed his blog. I appreciated all that you wrote about his trip, as it connected me to Larry again.

Then there was the article about Sr. Antoinette. I met her at our Motherhouse in Angers many years ago. I told her I would be her prayer-support since they do not have Contemplative Sisters in Lebanon. I have been faithful in praying for her all these years. I am happy that you wrote about their beautiful ministry in Lebanon.

And then, as I read the statistics on water and the terrible effects not having it has on babies and children my heart cried. I have imagined how it would feel to be deprived of clean water, but seeing it in black and white print made a real impression on me. How sad to think that a baby dies every minute. Your article has made me more aware of my own use of water.

I am sharing my feelings to let you know that what you do inflames my zeal and gives meaning to my life of prayer. I would be happy if you let others know how much your articles in *Items of Interest* mean to us. I am grateful for what you write, for the photos, for the time you invest in your beautiful work of love. I thank you and say with our Mother Euphrasia, "Courage, Go Forward!"

You are helping this Contemplative Sister to deepen her prayer-life of zeal for souls! Thank you, dear Jeanette!

With my love, Sr. Sharon Rose.

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Maryhurst Journey of Hope Luncheon



Some Good Shepherd family members attended the 28th annual Journey of Hope Luncheon for Maryhurst in Louisville, Kentucky, in May. Seated from left: Kelly Small, Vista Maria; Sisters Rose Kern, Elise Kramer and Chris Hock; Anna Powell (Sr. Chris Hock's sister); Sisters Renee Scheich and Gayle Lwanga Crumbley. Standing from left: Angela Aufdemberge, Vista Maria; and Melinda Stricklen, Mission Effectiveness.

Preparing New York/Toronto archives for move to St. Louis



Monica Stone spent two weeks in St. Louis, working with Monte Abbott, Province Director of Operations, to lay the groundwork for moving the archives from New York/Toronto Province to St. Louis. Monica is working in New York for the next few weeks to continue preparing the archives for the move.



Sisters Emilie Mane Ngom, Madeleine Munday, Silvia Romero and Magdalen Bui attended spring graduation exercises at DeNeuville Learning Center (DLC) in April. Executive Director of DLC Lori Bramlett (left) and DLC Board Chair Tami Salvaggio (center), spent quality time with the Sisters following graduation.

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Event like no other: Rose Haven Reigning Roses Walk

Rose Haven held its 5th Annual Reigning Roses Walk in Portland, Oregon, on May 13. The event is like no other. Each Mother's Day, Rose Haven and its many community sponsors treat more than 500 participants to a reception with live music, food, mimosas and a photo booth before setting off for a 5K stroll through northwest Portland's Alphabet District. As participants tote their matching Rose Haven umbrellas, they raise awareness and funds for women and children at Rose Haven. Friends, family and businesses create online teams leading up to the event to raise \$150,000 by Mother's Day. All of the funds from the event go to support Rose Haven's programs. Rose Haven breaks the cycles of homelessness and abuse by providing meals, clothing, first aid, mailing addresses, hygiene, restrooms, showers, education, and one-on-one advocacy. By building trust and meeting basic needs first, Rose Haven empowers women to explore long-term change. The \$150,000 goal raised at this event is enough to serve more than 800 guests at Rose Haven for an entire year. Rose Haven serves 3,500 women and their children annually, so their work is never done.

Photos from left: Valerie and her daughter Zoa are long-time Rose Haven guests. They are doing well and now have stable housing, but still go to Rose Haven regularly for meals and supplies. Executive Director of Rose Haven Rebekah Albert gets an appreciation kiss from her daughter Kate. Members from Portland's Brazilian performance group MARACATUPDX led the Reigning Roses Walk this year.



Announcements and News Tidbits

A number of Sisters in the province have recently celebrated their Jubilees. Sister Patricia O'Sullivan celebrated her 25th Jubilee on April 17. Sr. Mary Christopher Mullan celebrated her 70th Jubilee on May 2, and Sr. Mary Holy Family Karl celebrated her 70th on May 18. Sr. Cathie Boerboom celebrates

her 50th Jubilee on June 14. And Sr. Barbara Smithhisler celebrates her 60th Jubilee on June 13. Blessings to our Sisters!

Sister Michaela Kim will make final vows on June 26 in South Korea. Sr. Michaela spent three years with the Province of Mid-North America. We send her our love and heartfelt appreciation.

Lizzie Cody will lead Mission Effectiveness training at Rose Haven on June 5 in Portland, Oregon. Sr. Cathie Boerboom will help lead the training. Sisters in South Central Province will participate in Mission Effectiveness training on June 21 and 22 in Carrollton, Ohio.

NAC NEWS



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Giving voice to human trafficking

By Jeanette McDermott, PMNA Communications Coordinator

"Fantastic conference!"

"This was a really awesome day."

"Great advocacy. Great learning. Great leadership modeling."

These are just a few of the comments I heard from people who attended Good Shepherd National Advocacy Center's conference on human trafficking on May 15, 2018.

I had a pretty good idea of what to expect when I agreed to document NAC's inaugural conference in Washington, DC. I have had past experiences meeting with legislators in the nation's capital with NAC Director Larry Couch during Ecumenical Advocacy Days.

Even so, I have to say that this conference took me a little by surprise because of the fervor I felt in the room. These people were fired up! By the time lunch ended folks were raring to make a beeline to see their legislators. After making final preparations in their packets and speaking points, and consulting maps to avoid getting lost, off they dashed to meet with senators, congressional leaders and aides.

True stories of trafficking

The intensity in the room might have had something to do with the panelists who recounted their acutely distressing stories of what it looks like to be trafficked for prostitution and labor, and how it feels to be saved from the deepest depths of despair.

The palpable and fiery passion in the room might also have been ignited by Good Shepherd Sister Winifred Doherty.

Our United Nations representative jumpstarted the conference with an overview of human trafficking and gave an account of her personal experiences while missioned in Ethiopia and visiting in Thailand,

both hotspots for trafficking of girls and women.

You could have heard a pin drop when Sr. Winifred told the room full of advocates about a 25-year-old Ethiopian woman. The woman had accepted a job in the Middle East after graduating from university a month earlier. The job wasn't real, but a trafficker was. Her body returned to Ethiopia and a post-mortem revealed that all of her organs had been carved from her body. People are trafficked for many exploitive purposes. Live organ removal is one of them.

The shock and awe of this story sent a collective ripple of horror throughout the conference room and set a clear tone for why we were there. We were on Capitol Hill to become the voice for the voiceless. We were there to advocate for justice with those who have the power to make, strengthen, and amend laws on human trafficking.

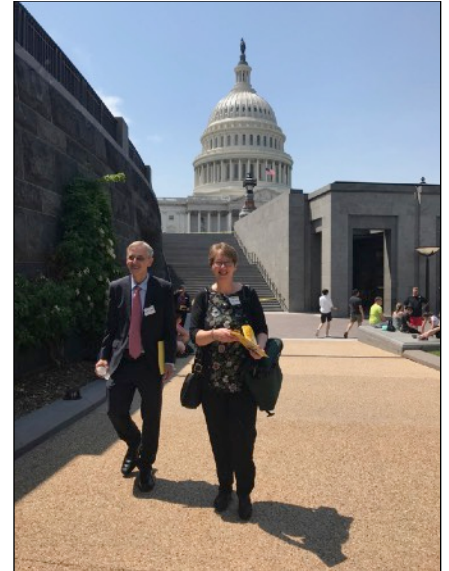
Panel Presentations

Angela Aufdemberge, President and CEO of Vista Maria, led a panel of two women who spoke about their years of abuse, captivity, and time being prostituted. Their sex traffickers and pimps were people they loved: one was a newly married husband and the other a boyfriend.

This is no surprise to the experts in human trafficking. Tragically, most sex traffickers and pimps are trusted adults or family members, boyfriends and influential females. Most traffickers leverage an element of vulnerability to attract victims.

Angela peppered the women's personal accounts with stories of Vista Maria's Wings program, a program whose purpose is to help girls who have survived sex trafficking in Michigan. Mercifully,

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From top: Larry Couch and Fran Eskin-Royer, with Good Shepherd National Advocacy Center, prepare to meet with legislators. Good Shepherd Volunteers and Sr. Winifred Doherty consult a map for directions to legislative offices. L-R: Vista Maria President and CEO Angela Aufdemberge leads a panel with Ann Mari Jones and Tammy McDonnell, survivors of sex trafficking.

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Trafficking, *Cont'd from p. 7*



NAC Director Larry Couch welcomes participants to the *Shine the Light on Human Trafficking* conference.

the stories we heard had good endings. The women eventually escaped from their captors and found refuge at Dawn's Place in Philadelphia, where Good Shepherd Sister Claudia Palacio works as a counselor. And a number of girls who had been trafficked in Michigan are finding refuge and a new start at Vista Maria. The Wings program serves girls between the ages of 11-18 and offers them intensive therapy, schooling and community reintegration. After the age of 18/19 a young woman can live independently in Vista Maria's sponsored apartments within the Shepherd Hall Transitional Living Program.

Labor Trafficking

A second panel at the conference focused on trafficking people for labor. A woman who had survived an experience of labor trafficking talked about how she and 300 other educated women from the Philippines were recruited for teaching jobs in other countries that never panned out. Instead, they were forced to pay outrageous fees (up to \$40,000) to recruiters in the Philippines. They borrowed the money from family, friends and loan sharks.

The women ended up broke and stranded in Prince George's County, just outside Washington, DC. Instead of promised, high-paying teaching jobs, the skilled and educated women were trafficked into low-income nanny, janitorial and other service jobs, unable to pay back the money they had borrowed. They were threatened with death and the death of family members if they spoke to anyone in the United States about their situation.

All of the stories were hard to hear. But they had the intended purpose of motivating the audience to relay the stories to legislators with pleas to intensify efforts to eliminate demand and, by default, end human trafficking.



Sex trafficking rooted in the structures of society

Catholic News Service reported on NAC's human trafficking conference, and other news outlets picked up the story. Sr. Winifred is featured in the article. She wrote a letter to the editor at CatholicPhilly.com, encouraging writers to develop a consciousness and use language that honors the dignity of every person. The reporter used the term 'two former prostitutes' in an otherwise excellent article.

Sr. Winifred's letter stated, "The term 'prostitute' is insensitive, discriminatory, and stigmatizing. It bears out the point that sex trafficking is rooted in the structures of society. Two women who were trafficked and prostituted shared their experiences with all gathered. It was a privileged moment for me listening and a pain filled experience for the women sharing."

"I feel strongly that this should be corrected as part of 'doing justice,' challenging terminology, mindsets and use of language that is deeply flawed and which in turn reinforces gender inequality and gender based violence."

[Read the story.](#)

"The success of the conference was due to months of great teamwork and hard work by Fran and Kathy. The conference bipartisan sponsorship of Representatives Ann Wagner and Jamie Raskin also led to success," Larry said.

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention co-sponsored the conference with the National Advocacy Center. The Convention's Coordinator for Engaging Communities, Rev. Andre Towner, moderated a panel presentation. Rev. Towner is a Member of NAC's Advisory Board.

Resources

[Trafficking in Persons Report 2017](#)

[National Advocacy Center](#)

[Ways for faith-based communities to get involved](#)

[10 ways you can help end trafficking](#)

[Recognize the signs](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

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**It's planting season!**

Good Shepherd people in St. Louis knew spring had fully sprung when we saw Sister Michael Maguire in the Immaculate Heart garden planting flowers and nurturing nature.



Sr. Helena Pereira Moderno is with the St. Louis Community for five months while taking English classes through ELS. She arrived from Portugal in April.

Immaculate Heart Convent honors workers with Staff Appreciation Day

There's just one thing to do when you want to show your gratitude to a whole group of people. You throw a party for them! That's what Immaculate Heart Convent did on May 23 to show appreciation for the women who shine their love upon the Sisters in their daily care.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE **ZEAL**

Clare Bingham, RGS

October 31, 1933 – May 23, 2018

Ida Catherine Carman (Clare Bingham) was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. When she was yet very young, her Mother, Ida Cram, left her husband in order to protect the children. She later remarried and when Ida was six years old, she and her brother, Edmund were adopted by their stepfather, Arthur Walter Bingham. He was a loving father and devout Catholic.

Before their marriage, he told Ida's mother that if he took the children in, they would be raised as Catholics. When the children were being prepared for baptism, their mother asked if she too could be baptized. Thus Ida flourished in a loving Catholic home.

At the age of 16, Ida asked to be received as a candidate for the Contemplative Life in the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd. She finished her high school education as she prepared to enter the novitiate. When she was received as a novice she took the name of Clare.

Welcomed in the Community and very happy, Sr. Clare waited patiently to make her first vows after she reached the age of 21. On July 22, 1961, Sr. Clare professed her final vows.

Loved by all

Sr. Clare's life was patterned after the hidden life of the Holy Family. She lived a very simple life, serving and loving her Sisters in Community, doing nothing extraordinary, but participating fully and joyfully in work, play and prayer. Sr. Colette Sauers, Sr. Clare's friend and companion since her entrance in Community, said she lived a life of quiet, child-like simplicity and was loved in each Community to which she was missioned.

The Community in Grand Rapids supported themselves by taking in industrial sewing. Later, in the Community in Detroit, Sister Clare participated in the production of altar breads. She also helped by working in the laundry and by taking care of the sick.

In addition to her life of prayer for others — a service that Sr. Clare particularly loved because it kept her close to her Shepherd God — she enjoyed being a Sacristan. She rendered this service in Grand Rapids and Detroit, Michigan, and in Ft. Thomas, Kentucky.

It was particularly painful for Sr. Clare when her memory began failing and she could not remember what to do for



Clare Bingham, RGS

special feast days when preparing for the liturgy. And yet she so wanted to continue this ministry.

Early in 2016 the Sisters moved to St. Margaret Hall in Cincinnati, Ohio. Here, Sr. Clare was relieved of her responsibility and she spent the last two years of her life giving joy to others with her sweet smile and loving presence. She participated happily in many activities and continued her prayer life with the help of her dear friend Sr. Colette.

Sr. Colette was her special angel these last few years, guiding her through her day, reminding her of day's activities and enjoying the sunshine together in the front entranceway of St. Margaret Hall.

Although Sr. Clare will be missed, we rejoice in the promise of eternal life for her. We thank God for her life, and the gift that she has been for us. May she rest in peace.

Submitted by Dolores Kalina, RGS

CELEBRATION OF LIFE **ZEAL**

Nancy Bolton, RGS

November 16, 1936 – May 8, 2018

Nancy was born into the family of Wilbur and Laura Bolton on November 16, 1936. She was the second of eight children. When Nancy was about 11 years old her family converted to the Catholic faith. The family lived in Portland, Oregon, where her father was a doctor. Nancy graduated from Saint Mary's Academy in 1954, after which she attended the University of Portland for one year.

Nancy felt the call to religious life and entered the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in St. Paul, Minnesota, on September 8, 1956. She professed her first vows three years later on September 8, 1959. She made her final vows on September 8, 1964.

Sister Nancy attended several universities to earn degrees in the fields of Sociology, Nursing, Education Administration and Pastoral Studies. These degrees helped her in the ministries she served in Spokane, Washington; Sioux City, Iowa; Helena, Montana; Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Denver, Colorado; St. Paul, Minnesota; and San Francisco, California. She retired in Boutwells Landing, near St. Paul.

Sr. Nancy spent her life dedicated to those she served and was loved by all.

Sr. Nancy will be remembered as being unassuming, sweet and gentle. She spent her life dedicated to those she served and was loved by all.

Sr. Nancy will be remembered for her work with AIDS patients in Portland, where she advocated tirelessly on their behalf. From there she worked with our elderly Sisters in St. Paul. Her last ministry was in San Francisco, where she worked again with those who were affected by AIDS and endeared herself to them.

One of Nancy's pastimes was enjoying and sharing the gift of music with her family, friends and others. She lived in the Spirit of the Good Shepherd until the end of her life — simply, while serving others and looking out for them. She will be remembered fondly for this treasured attribute.

Submitted by Bernadette Faulhaber, RGS, and Charlotte Kirst, RGS



Nancy Bolton, RGS



GREEN CORNER



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Climate Summit, *Cont'd from p. 1*

of Social Sciences to provide information that was incorporated into Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si.' Sr. Sharon O'Grady, RGS, attended the summit and wrote about what she learned.

St. Louis Climate Summit

By Sharon O'Grady, RGS

One of the most respected Jesuit educational institutions in the world, Saint Louis University, hosted the Saint Louis Climate Summit from April 22-24, 2018. The summit was part of the university's year-long bicentennial anniversary celebration.

Channel 9 (Nine Network of Public Media) helped organize and plan the event. It took place in the Channel 9 building in downtown St. Louis.

The Saint Louis Climate Summit brought together leading experts from around the world to discuss the ecological challenges facing our planet today. The content was broad and deep. It stressed key issues, varied achievements, and offered possibilities for moving into the future. I would like to share a few take-a-ways that I learned at the summit:

Cardinal Peter Turkson

Cardinal Turkson spoke about the Gospel of Creation, which is also the second chapter in *Laudato Si*. He said that the Hebrew root meaning of "dominion" over the earth is kinship. It is the same word used by Cain—am I my brother's "keeper?" The word expresses more of a "care from the heart."

Clarkson went on to say that care for our common home is care in tenderness and love—a care to support life in all of its forms.



Sister Sharon O'Grady, RGS, (in brown) met with speaker Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker (right) at an event prior to the Saint Louis Climate Summit at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois.

Cardinal Turkson sees kinship or "ecological citizenship" as the motivation that will change our behavior and our way of living on Earth.

Water

The amount of water present on Earth always remains the same. The main concern is accessibility. It is becoming increasingly evident that climate change affects accessibility to water. The wet areas are becoming wetter, and the dry areas drier. Desertification is increasing. These conditions lessen

accessibility for many people. Sudan and Somalia exemplify this problem.

The Mississippi is one of the largest fresh water rivers in the world. Summit participants heard from an organization of mayors from towns along the river that work together to help prevent pollution that is occurring in the Mississippi River. It is important to remember that when we, individually and communally, make decisions to

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conserve water by using less water we are also preventing pollution of that water.

Biodiversity

Global warming is a threat to many organisms in our world. Twenty percent of all organisms on earth are listed as being vulnerable to extinction. The list includes microorganisms that are needed to stabilize the atmosphere and provide oxygen. Biological extinction is permanent.

There is an emerging alliance of religion and ecology, sustainability and spirituality.

Passionist priest Father Thomas Berry wrote extensively about the universe as the primary sacred community. He asserted that the universe is not a collection of objects, but a communion of subjects.

Living in kinship

We are all a part of a living Earth community. We live in a kinship

are living in a dangerous time and admit that they don't know what will happen.

They are concerned that 70 percent of Earth's population lives in ecological deficit. We are now taking so much from the planet that it cannot renew itself.

I end with two quotations: One from P.J. Simmons: "There is too much bad news to justify complacency." And the other from Donnelly Meadows, "Time has too



Among the speakers at the Climate Summit were (from left) Cardinal Peter Turkson, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development; Nobel Laureate Dr. Mario Molina; and 17 year-old Kehkashan Basu, 2016 International Children's Peace Prize winner.

As Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker said in her presentation, "We are the destructive asteroid in this era of the sixth extinction."

Father John McCarthy, a naturalist, who followed the biodiversity talk, said, "Once you know you are causing harm, it is an injustice not to change it."

He spoke about the need for all of us to have full human experiences of nature. He said we must seek an interiority of depth. McCarthy also said that "unless there is moral depth and caring, ecology is not worthy of us."

which is our common ground where we are brought together by wonder, awe and beauty. This awareness brings us to reverence and respect that leads to restraint in how we live on this Earth.

Dr. Tucker questioned how we elevate the moral reality in our concern for Earth. She said, "Technocratic solutions are necessary but not sufficient."

It is difficult to do justice in these few words to all of the challenges and hopes that were presented at the Saint Louis Climate Summit. It is clear that scientists see that we

much good news to justify despair."

The long-term goal of the St. Louis Climate Summit is to use the knowledge and discussions taking place in St. Louis to make the world a better place for our children, our children's children, and for all generations of beings to come.

You can learn more about the 2018 Saint Louis Climate Summit and its speakers at <https://stlclimatesummit.org/about/>

Visit the Nine Network's [YouTube Channel](#) to hear the presentations and keynote address that were made at the summit.

LEADERSHIP TRAVEL

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NAME	DATES	LOCATION
Sr. Sharon Rose Authorson	June 1 June 4	Contemplative Council Meeting, St. Louis Hoffman conference, St. Louis
Sr. Jean Marie Fernandez	June 28-30 June 30-July 3	Vocation meetings, Danville Vocation meetings, St. Louis
Sr. Beverly Hedgecoth	June 1-9	St. Margaret Hall, Cincinnati
Sr. Maureen Johnson	June 1-16	Rome
Sr. Dolores Kalina	No travel	No travel
Sr. Maureen Kunz	June 18-21	Gracenter Board Meeting, San Francisco
Sr. Mary Carolyn McQuaid	June 11-13	Board meeting, Good Shepherd Shelter, Los Angeles
Sr. Madeleine Munday	June 11-13 June 14-17 June 21-28 June 28 - July 3	Board meeting, Good Shepherd Shelter, Los Angeles Visit with Sr. Ellen Dolan, Omaha Final vows of Sr. Michaela Kim, South Korea Sr. Stella Mangona's Jubilee celebration/farewell to Saipan



New film about Pope Francis

Three-time Academy Award® nominee Wim Wenders has written and directed a new film about Pope Francis. The movie premiered in theaters on May 18. The film takes us on a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than sketching his biography. A rare co-production with the Vatican, the pope's ideas and his message are central to this film. The movie sets out to present the Pontiff's work of reform and his answers to today's global questions about death, social justice, immigration, ecology, wealth inequality, materialism, and the role of the family. Watch the trailer at <http://focusfeatures.com/pope-francis-a-man-of-his-word/>

PROVINCE CONTACT

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"What is more lovely, more desirable than this cordial love for one another? We should have one heart among us."

Saint Mary Euphrasia

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