SHARING THE HEALING MINISTRY OF JESUS
In this issue we feature sisters who carry on a long tradition of sharing the healing ministry of Jesus with those in need.
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Dear friends,

As I write this letter for *The Voice*, the Caribbean and east coast of the United States are still reeling in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. We have kept in touch with the Haitian Sisters in Fondwa and with Ferel Bruno in Fond des Blancs. Ferel reported that the Water Project (which was given by HMs) did not fall down and now the people have clean water to minimize cholera! In addition, through the generous donations of many people, the community gave funds to build a walking bridge. That bridge held up and people from the mountains are able to get to the town for clean water. We are very grateful for all those who have helped support the people of Haiti in this time of suffering. As Sr. Judy wrote: “The Lord has done great things through us and Holy is God’s name!”

As many of you know, I was privileged to be able to go to Rome in May to attend the Plenary Assembly of UISG – the International Union of General Superiors. The mission of UISG states: “Through weaving global solidarity and opening new frontiers we animate, support and stimulate leadership of religious to be a prophetic voice and witness in the Church and the world.” Their mission is to build bridges that span distances, borders and boundaries in order to create ways for members to be in communication, in community and in communion. 870 major superiors from 80 countries, speaking in 11 major language groups, gathered for a week to converse and come to a greater understanding of how we can be in solidarity with one another throughout the world.

St. John Paul II defined solidarity as “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.” (Pope John Paul II, *On Social Concerns*, 1987) In our community documents, meetings, and planning, we often use the words *global*, *world-wide*, *universal*, and *international* when we are referring to the larger reality outside of our own USA. We have expressed our desires to be more inclusive and to expand our own awareness, and we speak of a growing cosmic consciousness. In our *Living Document* we describe ourselves as “citizens of the universe.” We are concretely involved in promoting fair trade, working against human trafficking and working for the rights of immigrants and refugees.

Sister Mary Sujita, a Sister of Notre Dame from India, spoke at the UISG conference, saying that genuine solidarity means engagement with real people, especially the poor and marginalized of our time. It is in the actual engagement with others who are different that we begin to see our own worldview in action.

And so, what does our world need from us today when global realities come into our living rooms on TV and confront us through social media? Our world is desperate for people of hope, people of peace, people who are willing to walk in the light and speak of the light. Our world needs us to lift our voices for each other, for the common good, for those who struggle in poverty, to build bridges of understanding and solidarity.

In this issue of *The Voice* we share with you some of the ways we have extended our mission to do this through our involvement with health care and other ministries. We are grateful to you, our many partners and collaborators who help us to bring more abundant life to others.

In Mary’s humility,

Sister Toby Lardie
Pastoral Leader
Ministries Welcome New Leadership

Two HM ministries have welcomed new leadership in the past year, Humility of Mary Housing and Villa Maria Residential Services.

**Humility of Mary Housing**

In April, Fred Berry was appointed President and CEO of Humility of Mary Housing (HMHI), which is headquartered in Akron, Ohio. HMHI is the sisters’ housing ministry that promotes and strengthens the self-sufficiency of individuals and families, especially the poor, through advocacy, supportive services, and quality housing.

Upon accepting the position, Mr. Berry noted, “I am looking forward to building on the great foundation that has been developed over the last three decades. I will bring passion and continue to provide meaningful and impactful service to the most vulnerable citizens of Northeast Ohio while honoring the Sisters of the Humility of Mary.”

Mr. Berry received his Master of Public Administration and his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Akron. His résumé includes over 15 years of non-profit management which includes over nine years in housing services. He served actively with the Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care for the Homeless and many subcommittees including coordinating over 600 volunteers for Project Homeless Connect in Akron for five years.

He is a lifelong resident of the Akron area, growing up in Sharon Center. In his off’ time he enjoys running in races which benefit local nonprofits, volunteering for activities at Holiday Camplands in the spring and summer months, music, golf, bowling, and traveling.

**Villa Maria Residential Services**

James Bird was selected as the new President and CEO of Villa Maria Residential Services in July.

A ministry of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary since 1988, VMRS is the not-for-profit corporation which operates Villa Maria Apartments on the campus of Villa Maria Community Center in Villa Maria, Pa., and is a reflection of the mission of the sisters to bring more abundant life to God’s people by extending quality of life to others.

In his new role, Mr. Bird will provide leadership, direction and administration to VMRS, the one- and two-bedroom apartments for independent living, offering safe, affordable housing for older adults. He will also be responsible for the operational aspects of the board of directors.

Mr. Bird was attracted to the position because of a desire to serve those in a residential setting. “As people age, it’s more important to be with other people and having a sense of community and belonging are vital to their quality of living,” he said. “I want residents to feel this is their home and they are part of a neighborhood where everyone cares for each other.”

Prior to joining VMRS, Mr. Bird served as an executive leader and advancement professional, serving educational and non-profit organizations. He holds a master’s degree in organizational leadership from Geneva College.

An Erie native, he currently resides in Hermitage, Pa., where he and wife, DeAnna, serve Sharon’s St. Joseph Parish as youth catechists. He is also an active volunteer and board member of the City Rescue Mission and Salvation Army.

In his leisure time, Mr. Bird enjoys going on beach vacations, gardening, and spending time with family and friends.

*Information taken from press releases from HMHI and Sisters of the Humility of Mary*
Sister Stitches from the Heart

by Kylene Kamensky

Creativity and consistency are a must when taking on a needlework project. And that’s just what Sr. Jeanette Dufek is when she picks up her needle and thread: creative and consistent.

For those not familiar with cross stitching, it’s a type of embroidery usually done on an evenweave (grid-like) fabric. The stitches are a simple X shape that are repeated to form a design. Patterns for these designs usually consist of charts with symbols to represent each stitch in the grid.

Sr. Jeanette has stitched hundreds of thousands of stitches over the years since she began cross stitching in the late 1970s.

Originally taught by her sister-in-law, Sr. Jeanette took to cross stitching “like a duck to water.” She had always been crafty—knitting, crocheting, and doing needlepoint projects—but she was interested in taking up cross stitching and learning a new technique. She found that she enjoyed making her own patterns, both from her own head and by combining elements from pattern sources she had in her library.

It’s her relaxation, but she also uses it to bring joy to others. Babies and weddings are her big gifting events, but she does other pieces as gifts for family and friends as well. She also crafts pieces for ministry fundraisers—Villa Maria Community Center Harvest Day and Emmanuel Community Care Center’s Annual Dinner are among some of her favorites.

“It’s just a thrill to see my stuff [helping others],” Sr. Jeanette said of donating her pieces.

She has also participated in the local county fairs, Lawrence County and Canfield, for the past decade. This year she entered the landscape piece she made for Harvest Day 2016 and the hummingbirds she stitched for her community room at Villa Maria. Her landscape won first place at Lawrence County and second at Canfield, while her hummingbirds snagged third place at Lawrence County and second at Canfield.

The landscape she stitched for Harvest Day this year is her favorite piece. But she says every time she finishes something, it’s her favorite.

And as hard as it is to imagine having this talent and not making a little something for yourself, Sr. Jeanette has never kept anything she’s stitched—it’s all been given away. But she never takes a break. Her current project is a Thomas Kinkade landscape kit that was gifted to her.

“What I’m going to do next? I don’t know,” she said. “I can’t wait to sit down and stitch. I get so excited—especially when I’m doing a new one—it’s thrilling to see how every color fits together.”
Sr. Elaine Schindler (Sr. Mary Immaculate) has served in a long line of HM Sisters who provided a home and opportunities for growth to young girls beginning with the orphans who came with the sisters from France in 1864. From the fall of 2007 until this past August, with the exception of one year when she was part-time, Sr. Elaine was a full-time live-in residential counselor at Girls Hope of Pittsburgh, Inc.

Girls Hope, located on the motherhouse grounds of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden PA, recently celebrated 25 years since opening its doors in October 1991 under its founder and first executive director, Sr. Donna Marie Tahaney, CSJ.

Its original mission continues as Girls Hope provides a supportive home environment and quality education through college for academically talented girls who have been affected by adverse conditions and environments. Girls Hope believes that a long-term nurturing home environment and an excellent education are the primary tools required to break the cycle of poverty, abuse and/or neglect. As a private, non-denominational program, Girls Hope welcomes young women of all racial and ethnic backgrounds from Southwestern Pennsylvania.
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Sr. Elaine became interested in the work of Girls Hope when she met Sr. Mary Parks, CSJ, during an intercongregational program held at Villa Maria in 2007. Sr. Mary was then the head of Girls Hope. The connection was a natural considering Sr. Elaine’s previous experiences on the faculty at Villa Maria High School and its boarding school elements and then her ministry with Villa Maria Education Center’s after-school S.T.A.R. program and summer L.E.A.P. camp activities in more recent years.

Talking with Sr. Elaine it is so evident that she cares immensely for all the girls living in the house, which is typically eight with the addition of a collegian who may be “home” for a holiday visit or over the summer. Residency typically begins when a girl is from 10-14 years of age and she continues to connect with the house until her graduation from college.

Founded on the belief that a loving God cares about the life of every individual, Girls Hope acts in accordance with the following values:

- Education is critical to reaching one’s full potential.
- Spirituality and an active faith-life are essential elements of healthy personal development.
- Children have the capacity to transcend their circumstances if given a safe environment, opportunities, and loving support.
- Integrity, honestly, respect, a willingness to love, and service to others are important measures of personal success.
- Individuals are responsible for their destinies and actions, and all children deserve the guidance, support and opportunities to choose a path to reaching their full potential.
- Respect for the dignity, value, unique perspectives, and talents of every individual is the foundation of positive social and emotional development, as well as strong and vibrant communities.

Girls Hope of Pittsburgh maintains two houses, the house at Baden, and a second house at Coraopolis PA. It is an affiliate of Boys Hope Girls Hope.

More information is available on their website girlshope.org and on their Facebook page @GirlsHope
Healthcare Remains Focus of Sisters’ Ministry

By Kylene Kamensky

With a rich history of serving the healthcare needs of their local communities since their founding, the Sisters of the Humility of Mary now continue that healthcare ministry as part of the Mercy Health system.

Mercy is currently the largest health system in Ohio with 450 care locations across the system. There are also 244 community health outreach programs across the ministry, which tie back to its mission of extending the healing ministry of Jesus to the poor and underserved.

Evolution of the Healthcare Ministry-from home care to HMHP to Mercy Health

Although the sisters’ healthcare ministry actually began when they nursed their neighbors through a smallpox epidemic and took care of railroad workers at a small hospital on the Villa Maria grounds, the involvement of the HM Sisters with what would become Mercy Health began when they took on the management of St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown in 1911; they assumed ownership of St. Elizabeth in 1926.

In 1924 they assumed ownership of Riverside Hospital Warren, which was renamed St. Joseph Riverside Hospital, and three years later St. Joseph Hospital, Lorain was added to the sisters’ hospitals.

After many years of being run as separate facilities, all healthcare facilities sponsored by the sisters were joined into one system, Humility of Mary Health Care System, in 1984.

The mid-1990s brought about big changes as the Humility of Mary Health Care System became part of the Mercy Health System in Cincinnati, which was later renamed Catholic Health Partners. The Youngstown/Warren region became known as Humility of Mary Health Partners (HMHP) within the Catholic Health Partners system.

In 2013, Catholic Health Partners set up a public juridic person (PJP), which according to Sr. Jean Orsuto, HM, who serves on the Partners in Catholic Health Ministries (PJP) board, is a “canonical entity designated by the church to ensure that the organization maintains its Catholic Identity and that the organization’s mission and values and the understanding of what it means to be a Catholic organization is operationalized in every aspect of the organization.”

The PJP was set up so the healthcare system would still be recognized as a Catholic entity by Rome even though it was no longer dependent on the sisters to sponsor it. Sr. Carol Anne Smith, HM, who also serves on the Partners in Catholic Health Ministries board, explained that reports have been and will continue to be made to Rome every year to provide evidence.

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that the organization is being faithful to its Catholic identity and mission.

And as of May 2016, HMHP adopted a new name: Mercy Health-Youngstown.

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**Sr. Marie Ruegg**

Sr. Marie Ruegg’s healthcare ministry began at St. Joseph in Lorain and St. Joseph Riverside in Warren where she served as a clinical dietician. She directed the operation of nutrition service at both St. Joseph Warren and St. Elizabeth Youngstown before serving at Laurel Lake Retirement Community in Hudson as the director of mission effectiveness and planning.

Sr. Marie is currently the Senior Vice President of Mission and Values for Mercy Health Youngstown, where she “provides regional leadership for cultural development, mission-based leadership, spiritual care, ethical discernment, community outreach services, and volunteers” according to the Mercy website. She also helps to make sure all these activities and the organization promote Mercy’s Mission and core values.

One program she is particularly passionate about is RISEN—Re-Investing in Spirituality and Ethics in our Network. The program, based on understanding emotions, personalities, relationships, spirituality, and communication, is offered to the Mercy staff at Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center on the Villa Maria Community Center campus. It helps the participants develop skills that assist them in the workplace.

“By investing time in one’s spirituality, one enters more deeply into who one is and how to bring out the best in oneself, one’s colleagues, and those one serves. RISEN taps into the universal essence of one’s spirituality and assists participants in applying it to everyday life,” said Sr. Marie. “We’re all on a spiritual journey. Spirituality is deeply personal. It’s emotional. It’s human. And it plays a powerful role in the healing process.”

**Sr. Millie Ely**

Sr. Millie Ely began her healthcare ministry as a pharmacist at St. Joseph Hospital in Lorain and went on to serve in administration at St. Joseph Riverside in Warren, eventually serving as President and CEO. She became a member of the Catholic Health Partners (CHP) Corporate board and served on the system board when HMHP joined CHP in 1996. She was the system board chair from 2004-2006. She currently serves on the Mercy Health Board in Toledo for the northern region, where she functions as secretary for the board.

“In addition to my knowledge of healthcare the past 48 years in roles from pharmacist to President and CEO of a hospital, my focus and commitment to our healthcare mission of continuing the healing ministry of Jesus, especially to the poor and underserved, is uppermost in my mind. Our system does $1 million dollars a day in charity care, which is an outstanding accomplishment in the current world of healthcare. We are at this point because of many of our earlier sisters who laid the groundwork and the assistance of lay board members, physicians, volunteers, and staff of all our facilities,” Sr. Millie said.

And collaboration seems to be the key to the sustainability of the sisters’ healthcare ministry, especially in light of ever-changing governmental continued on next page
regulations and changing congregation demographics. Moving to a structure that would ensure the mission would continue into the future was a top priority.

“It has proven to be a wise and good decision to join Catholic Health Partners/Mercy Health when we did in December of 1996. Our major reason was to continue our healthcare mission. Our system has continued to grow and flourish in the Mahoning Valley since we joined. The other local system has struggled and been sold to a for-profit company.”

Sr. Carole Anne Griswold
Sr. Carole Anne Griswold has been involved in healthcare ministry since she began as a nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Lorain. She served as a nursing educator in Lorain and Youngstown and also served on the HMHP Board of Trustees prior to the changeover to the Mercy system. Sr. Carole Anne was the director of mission for HMHP and served as Vice President of Mission for Mercy Lorain until 2013.

She currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Mercy Lorain and Mercy Youngstown and as a mentor to the current VP of Mission at Mercy Lorain. As a board member, she assures that the mission remains a focus.

“As an HM I am able to represent the mission of our sisters to the board and bring that mission of ‘bringing more abundant life to God’s people’ to the discussion and decisions of the board. What impresses me is the fact that the people on the board are so dedicated to our mission; they express ownership of it and have been empowered to carry it on when there are few or no sisters serving in the organization.”

Mercy’s dedication to the HM mission and values gives Sr. Carole Anne confidence that what the sisters began will continue far into the future.

“The relationship between Mercy and the HMs makes it possible for the HMs to continue the healthcare ministry that has been a part of our history for over 120 years. It allows us to continue caring for those most in need by providing them an opportunity to receive health care which they would not otherwise receive. I love the healing ministry and now I’m able to continue as a trustee. I’m grateful the work we have done will continue.”

Sr. Carol Anne Smith
Sr. Carol Anne Smith first became involved with healthcare ministry when she was serving on the HM Council (leadership team) in the mid-1980s. The sisters’ three hospitals were consolidated into one system and she was tapped to serve on the board of directors and foundation board for St. Joseph Hospital in Lorain. When the Humility of Mary Health Care System joined CHP, she was the HM representative on the sponsors’ council, and she has chaired the Mercy Lorain Board and served on the Mercy Health Corporate Board and the Public Juridic Person Board.

She currently serves on the Mercy Corporate Board of Trustees and the Partners in Catholic Health Ministries Board (Public Juridic Person Board), where her role is to help ensure that the sisters’ mission continues. “What stands out for me is the selfless and expert commitment of our lay leaders-especially at the governance level,” Sr. Carol Anne said of her colleagues.

The board bears the responsibility for the ministry in all aspects: maintaining its Catholic identity, implementing the Ethical and Religious directives, strategic planning, finance and investment, and quality assurance among them. And now sisters and lay members bear that responsibility together.
“It is a privilege and opportunity to minister with others who are so whole-heartedly and passionately dedicated to a mission that continues Jesus’ healing ministry with a particular commitment to people who are poor and underserved. I am humbled and grateful to be of service in a ministry that everyday contributes $1 million in direct charity care to those economically poor in many geographic locations, including Haiti. The ministry could not be in better hands; it will continue in ways the sisters could not have done on our own.”

Sr. Jean Orsuto
Sr. Jean Orsuto has been involved with the sisters’ healthcare ministry for nearly 50 years. She was a nurse and nursing administrator at St. Joseph Hospital in Lorain, St. Elizabeth Youngstown, and Mercy Fairfield in Cincinnati. She also served as a board member at St. Elizabeth Youngstown before serving as a member of the Catholic Health Partners Board and as the HM co-sponsor representative to CHP.

She is currently a member of the Mercy Board of Trustees and chairs the Partners in Health Care Ministries Board, Mercy’s Public Juridic Person board. Like Sr. Carol Anne Smith, she helps to ensure that decisions made (financial, governance, quality, and business) reflect the mission and values of the organization and are consistent with Catholic Social Teaching and the Ethical and Religious Directives.

“I always try to be aware that we are carrying out the healing ministry of Jesus as we care for the sick and suffering and the poor and marginalized in our local communities,” Sr. Jean said. “I feel that I am part of an organization that strives to carry out this mission not only by caring for the sick and suffering but also by striving to improve the health of individuals in the communities where Mercy Health serves.”

And most of the time, the mission of an institution can be the deciding factor in the way it functions.

“I believe there is a distinct difference between Catholic healthcare and secular healthcare because we are privileged to touch the lives of the sick and suffering, the poor and underserved as Jesus would touch their lives. Whether I was a nurse giving direct patient care or a board member, I was, and am blessed, to be part of a ministry so closely connected to Jesus’ gospel call to serve those in need.”

Sr. Maryann Golonka
Sr. Maryann Golonka began her association with what would become Mercy Health before she entered the HM Community. She worked as a staff nurse and in various other capacities at St. Elizabeth Youngstown, and when she entered the HM Community, she went to work at St. Joseph in Warren. After completing her BSN, she ministered at St. Joseph Hospital in Lorain for 20 years. She began serving on the Board of Directors for HMHP on the Quality and Patient Safety Committee in 1993. She is currently in her third term on the Mercy Youngstown Board of Directors serving on the same committee.

Sr. Maryann’s service on the Quality and Patient Safety Committee allows her to help influence patient care by making recommendations with her fellow committee members. “The greatest challenge is keeping in mind how our decision will impact the people we serve, especially those who are poor and underserved,” she said.

And as many other sisters have observed, collaboration with others has been the key to continuing to serve those in need.

“Back in the 1990s when the HMs wanted to have a Catholic healthcare presence in Youngstown, Warren, and Lorain, we knew that we could not do it alone. Partnering with others to maintain this presence was needed and the HM Leadership Team pursued this avenue. We have worked with lay partners for a very long time and hopefully have influenced them to follow us in this ministry that is not ours: it is the healing ministry of Jesus.”

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Sister Consolata Kline’s Lasting Legacy

By Sr. Joanne Gardner

While we were in production for this issue of the HM Voice, Sr. Consolata entered eternal life. Please see her complete tribute at humilityofmary.org.

Sr. Consolata Kline, born Rita Kline
October 8, 1916, recently reached the ranks of HM centenarians.

Most would acknowledge her a born administrator. She joined the Sisters of the Humility of Mary community at the age of 26, delaying her entrance while she worked in secretarial jobs to help finance seminary studies for her two priest brothers. Immediately after making her first vows in 1945, she was assigned to secretarial duties at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown. Within eight years she was named assistant administrator serving under Sr. Adelaide Krummert.

Her formal training for hospital administration began two years later when she was sent to St. Louis University where she completed her BS degree in business administration graduating magna cum laude in 1957. Two years later she completed her MBA in hospital administration at St. Louis University having completed her year-long internship at St. Vincent Hospital in New York.

In May of 1962, Sr. Consolata was named administrator of St. Elizabeth Hospital, a position she would hold for 19 years until she was elected major superior of her religious congregation.

According to the written history of St. Elizabeth Health Center prepared for the 75th anniversary in 1986, the hospital saw its greatest physical development during Sr. Consolata’s administration.

She initially oversaw improvements in the cardiovascular unit and expanded the x-ray, laboratory and emergency services. Many noted the “new look” of the hospital, especially the patient rooms, which were painted in brighter colors and made to look “more cheerful” than the traditional drab colors previously used. As the technology improved she saw that the hospital staff worked with Westinghouse Electric Corporation to develop a piece of computerized cardiac catheterization equipment, the first of its kind in the United States. From all parts of the country physicians came to view the innovative equipment.

In the following years Sr. Consolata led the hospital community in needed expansion programs to the various wings of the hospital all the while facing serious challenges and crises. She would be the first to give credit to all involved including the sisters, the board members, the physicians, the staff, the volunteers and the nursing students for their dedication, commitment and pride in making St. Elizabeth’s a leader in health care.

Even today the mention of Sr. Consolata’s name in the presence of anyone employed at St. E’s during those 19 years brings back memories of the woman who knew each and every employee by name in each and every department and also their family circumstances.

Sr. Consolata has received a number of well-deserved honors over the years. She was recognized in 1978 as one of the first inductees in the Ohio Women’s Hall of Fame. In 2000 she received the papal honor “Cross Pro-Ecclesia et Pontifice” for her decades of service to the Church.

Sr. Consolata is a Life Fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives.
Sr. Anne Victory

Sr. Anne Victory began her healthcare ministry as a staff nurse at St. Joseph Hospital, Lorain, where she worked as a clinician, a nurse educator at St. Joseph School of Practical Nursing, a nurse administrator, and as Director of Education and Vice President of Mission. She helped merge St. Joseph and Lorain Community Hospital and was present when the facility joined Catholic Health Partners in 1997. After being elected to HM Community Leadership, she left her employment with the hospital.

She currently holds a position on two Mercy boards: the Board of Managers at Mercy Willard and the Mercy Regional Foundation Board in Lorain where she uses her knowledge and experience to keep the mission and values of the organization present.

“The mission question is always key in the ministry, and I appreciate that the boards and staff of these facilities are truly concerned with their responsibility to live the mission in their daily work and the decisions they make to improve the health of those they serve, particularly those who are poor and underserved,” Sr. Anne said. “Each setting presents its own challenges: Mercy Willard is a small rural facility addressing the needs of those without easy access to care; Mercy Lorain’s Foundation supports the efforts of the facility to address challenges of providing excellent healthcare in an economically struggling community surrounded by strong competitors. I am proud that both facilities live the mission in light of these realities.”

Sr. Anne also works with the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, an organization whose mission is to “educate and advocate for the prevention and abolition of human trafficking while connecting services on behalf of trafficked persons.” It was a joint effort begun in 2007 by members of several religious communities, including the HMs.

Mercy Health has recently made a commitment to raise awareness of human trafficking and train their staff to recognize it, and Sr. Anne is grateful for this focus.

“Having experienced the evolution of the Mercy Health System from its beginning, I am grateful to all involved for their focus on the mission,” she said. “It is gratifying to see this evolution and to know that our relationship with Mercy Health has made and continues to make a difference. Our HM work with human trafficking resulted in a focus on this issue at the recent Governance Retreat and the current system-wide effort to address it, since victims of this crime are certainly among the most under-served. As founding sponsors, our responsibility remains to foster in them [Mercy staff and board members] the motivation, values, and vision to stay true to the mission. Development of future leaders and staff in the mission and values of Mercy Health will assure that the founders’ legacy continues.”

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Sister’s Impact Honored During Leader Symposium

Sr. Millie Ely received the Founders’ Award for Excellence in Governance Leadership during Mercy Health’s recent Governance and Leadership Symposium.

She was one of three women honored for understanding and committing to the mission and values; energy and vision to board deliberations to find new ways to address the needs of poor persons and the communities served; modeling personal and professional integrity; integrating personal expertise in support of the mission, and; effectively connecting people and ideas, resources and needs, reality and hope.

From left: Michael Connelly, Mercy Health president & CEO emeritus; Katherine Vestal, Mercy Health board chair; Sr. Millie Ely
Sr. Margaret Ebin

Sr. Margaret Ebin has served in various capacities at both St. Elizabeth Youngstown and St. Joseph Warren. She was the director of nursing services at both hospitals for many years where she saw a great number of changes as services were added and buildings were expanded. She was also in charge of ambulatory (outpatient) care where she was involved in developing and running various clinics to meet the needs of the community.

Sr. Margaret said the HM sisters also have a fund within the foundation that is to be used to address the needs of those in the community who are poor and underserved.

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Sr. Barbara Noble

Sr. Barbara Noble began her ministry as a nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Warren. She then became a registered nurse educator who coordinated patient-family education at St. Elizabeth Youngstown, St. Joseph Warren, and St. Elizabeth Boardman. She worked with all departments and coached nurses and other care providers on how to teach patients and family members until her retirement in 2012. She also served on the Laurel Lake Board of Directors until 2016 during its transition out of the Mercy system.

Sr. Barbara currently serves with Mercy Health Foundation Mahoning Valley as part of the grant disbursement committee. It’s a new experience for her as it’s the first time she’s served on a foundation board, but she is enjoying her involvement.

“It’s a very interesting experience,” Sr. Margaret said of belonging to the board. “We’re expanding out into the community for people in need. I enjoy it. Since I know the hospital and know what people are asking for, I can see the importance of granting requests. I’ve also learned a lot.”

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“I’ve written grants before, so I’m comfortable with that role,” she said of her committee appointment. “The Foundation has a commitment to helping the poor and underserved in the Mahoning Valley, and it funds services and programs in the community. These programs align with the Mission of Mercy Health and make services available to those in need, regardless of ability to pay.”

She also serves on the Women in Touch committee, which is a program funded by Mercy Health Foundation Mahoning Valley. “I’m able to continue to use my knowledge for health education,” Sr. Barbara said of her work with this program. Women in Touch provides programs on women’s health issues twice a year in both Mahoning and Trumbull counties. She also volunteers at St. Joseph Hospital Warren in the archives.

Sr. Barbara echoes Sr. Margaret’s observations that the sisters’ mission is important to the foundation board. She finds it impressive that they want to keep the sisters involved with the board and that they value the sisters’ input.

“Having worked in healthcare for over 40 years in this region, it is amazing to see the changes and growth, but the mission is the same. I think we’re blessed really, with Mercy we gained a strong support system and it helped the hospital system survive with its Catholic identity,” she said. “The sisters in France, when they came and settled at Villa Maria, may never have thought of healthcare as we do today, but their firm foundation and commitment to caring for the sick,
especially the poor, is reflected in everything we do even today.”

**Sr. Eileen Corrigan**

Sr. Eileen Corrigan has served as chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital in Warren for the past 25 years. She had been a teacher, but she had always wanted to work in a hospital setting. So when she completed her Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) training she contacted Sr. Cathy Joy Popoczy, HM, who was in charge of pastoral care at St. Joseph at the time.

Working in pastoral care is a rewarding experience for Sr. Eileen. She is part of a department that is available 24/7 to meet the spiritual needs of people of all faiths, whether they happen to be patients, families of patients, or staff.

Chaplains provide support to patients and their families in many different ways including visiting with them to offer emotional support, facilitating the reception of the sacraments when appropriate, helping them understand information given to them by doctors or nurses, and providing comfort during crisis or sorrowful situations.

“Our role is to offer hope and be present,” Sr. Eileen said. “Often I have to say to myself ‘Eileen, get out of the way and let God be present.’ I think the sisters’ presence [in the hospital] is still very needed. Everyone loves to see the sisters and it can bring a calming presence. They really value our presence.”

Sr. Eileen’s favorite part of her job is praying with people, especially when she can bring them some comfort.

**Sr. Margaret Mary Siegfried**

Sr. Margaret Mary Siegfried was a pharmacist at St. Joseph Riverside in Warren and St. Elizabeth Youngstown from the early 1950s until her retirement in 1994, but she loved the hospital so much that she still hasn’t left. After her retirement, she became a volunteer and began visiting patients on the floors, in the emergency room, and in the intensive care unit. Being in the pharmacy was hard work, and Sr. Margaret Mary said that visiting with people is a nice change of pace.

“You get to meet people and learn about their lives, and it’s just amazing what people are going through,” she said. “I used to do it [visit patients] while I was still working as well.”

Although she has had to cut back in recent years, Sr. Margaret Mary still visits with families in the surgical waiting room at St. Elizabeth Youngstown one morning a week.

“I usually go to people who are alone first and see if they want to talk or not,” Sr. Margaret Mary said. “I can usually tell if someone doesn’t want to talk to me, but most people are very respectful and reverent. Even though the day to day involvement of the sisters has diminished, Mercy is respectful of the sisters. We don’t have to worry about being forgotten. The hospital leadership does a good job of keeping the mission at the forefront.”

**Moving into the Future**

Healthcare is constantly evolving, but some things remain the same no matter the time period. There will always be a need to offer compassionate care to those who are poor or underserved, and the HM Sisters have found a way to make sure their mission continues into the future.

“I believe that our legacy is in excellent hands because ultimately it is in God’s hands,” Sr. Jean Orsuto said. “The wisdom of many sisters and the grace of God led us to where we are today—Mercy is an organization committed to being a strong Catholic healthcare ministry now and in the future. We have seen dramatic changes in our healthcare ministry over the last 100+ years. The seed has been planted for the future and with God’s grace that seed will continue to grow for [another] 100 years and longer.”

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**Sr. Eileen Corrigan, HM, [left] with Ann McGee at a past hospital Heritage Day event.**

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Sister Featured in Vision Magazine Article

Sr. Eilis McCulloh was recently featured in an article in Vision Vocation Guide magazine about the National Fund for Catholic Religious Vocations (NFCRV), which was established in 2015. The NFCRV provides grants to assist in paying down student debt; this assistance allows young adults to follow their vocation and pursue religious life as they often have to opt out of the process or defer until they are debt-free.

Centenarian Sisters

Did you know that eight HM Sisters reached the centenary mark? Sr. Therese Quinn became the seventh to reach that milestone when she celebrated her 100th birthday last year and Sr. Consolata Kline joined the ranks of the centenarian sisters this year on October 8. Sr. Therese Quinn also celebrated “the first anniversary of her first centenary” on Aug. 4 this year.

The other sisters who also reached that milestone were Sr. Thecla McManamon, 102 years and 10 months; Sr. Jane Bayne, 101 years and 8 months; Sr. Noella Dailey, 101 years; Sr. Borromeo Noirot, 100 years and 11 months; Sr. Maria Crucis Polk, 100 years and 8 months; and Sr. Mary Rose Scheetz, 100 years and 5 months.

Walking for Immigration Reform

Sisters, associates and volunteer alumni were among the more than a thousand people to march through downtown Cleveland July 9 in a call for immigration reform in the Walk for Justice. The 1.5-mile, nonpolitical walk sought congressional action on immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants.

Magnificat High School Committed to Spiritual Development in Education

Magnificat High School co-sponsored a national Spirituality in Education Conference with Columbia Teachers College that took place at Magnificat High School on October 27-28. The main speakers included Sr. Helen Prejean (Dead Man Walking) and Dr. Stephen Post (Why Good Things Happen to Good People), and the keynote speaker was Dr. Lisa Miller, author of The Spiritual Child.

Sister Completes Spiritual Direction Program

Congratulations to Sr. Carol Anne Smith who completed the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at John Carroll University in August. She is now certified as a Spiritual Director and Retreat Director.
Summer Day Camp at Mercy-St. Paul Square, Canton, Helps Kids Live Healthy

Healthy 4 Life, a week long summer day camp, was held for 20 children (ages 7-10) from urban Northeast Canton in July. The camp was held at Mercy-St. Paul Square, a patient centered medical home in Northeast Canton. The Sisters of the Humility of Mary are among many donors who provide support for programs at St. Paul Square.

The children enjoyed kid-friendly input on nutrition, exercise, and oral health. They also enjoyed a healthy lunch each day. The highlight of the camp was a walking field trip to the community garden, which the HM Sisters also support. The campers enjoyed picking and tasting lettuce and herbs, seeing how familiar vegetables grow, observing honey bee hives, petting a resident chicken and holding a freshly laid egg! Sr. Carolyn Capuano, HM, Vice President of Mission and Ministry at Mercy Medical Center, helped conduct the camp which was a program of her Mission Outreach department. Sr. Barbara Winck, HM, Leadership Team, visited the camp and enjoyed the field trip with the children.

Sisters and Associates Support Outreach at Mercy (Canton) Golf Outing

Congratulations to Sr. Millie Ely, HM, who won the closest to the pin award at the Mercy Medical Center, Canton, golf outing to benefit the hospital’s international mission outreach. Each year the hospital sends a medical/surgical team to serve the very poor in the Dominican Republic. In addition, international mission outreach supports Mercy physicians and nurses who go on other medical mission trips to such places as Honduras, Kenya, Uganda and Croatia. Sr. Carolyn Capuano, HM, Vice President of Mission and Ministry at Mercy Medical Center provides administration for these efforts. Sr. René Parman, HM, and Dr. Melinda Smith, HM Associate, also participated in the outing.
The following programs are provided by Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center (VMESC) and will take place at Villa Maria. Please contact Dana Steiger at 724-964-8886 for more information or visit vmesc.org. Additional programs and information are listed on the VMESC website.

**2017 Programs at a Glance:**

**March 25:** Ilia Delio, OSF  
**April 7 – 8:** Lenten Retreat w/ Sr. Margaret Marszal, HM  
**April 8:** RCIA Retreat  
**June 11 – 18:** Individually Directed Retreat  
**June 22-25:** James Finley  
**July 9 – 15:** Spiritual Direction Formation  
**July 23 – 28:** Gail Worcelo, SGM  
**Sept. 8 – 10:** Edwina Gateley  
**Sept. 24 – Oct. 1:** Individually Directed Retreat  
**Nov. 12 – 17:** Anthony Gittins, CSSp  
**Nov. 17 – 18:** Enneagram Retreat w/ Sr. Cheryl Rose, HM  
**Dec. 1 – 3:** Advent Retreat w/ Sr. Cheryl Rose, HM

**2017 New Program Offerings**

**Aug. 11 – 13:** Weekend Individually Directed Retreat  
**Nov. 3 – 5:** Weekend Individually Directed Retreat

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In Loving Memory

**Sister Jeanne Marie Glorioso**, formerly Sister M. Vincent Rose, died Sun., May 29 at Mercy Health in Lorain, Ohio.

Born in Lorain on August 31, 1938, she graduated from Lorain High School in 1956 and entered the Sisters of the Humility of Mary in 1957 from St. Peter Parish.

Sr. Jeanne Marie was a woman of prayer and great compassion as she ministered in various health care settings and social outreach programs. During her 54 years of ministry she served in the Cleveland, Youngstown and Pittsburgh dioceses.

In the Cleveland diocese she served at the Rose-Mary Home in Euclid, at the former St. Joseph Hospital and Lorain Community/St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Lorain and St. Joseph Parish, Amherst. Sr. Jeanne Marie also ministered in Lorain as a volunteer through the Family Outreach Center and as a spiritual director at St. Peter Parish.

In the Youngstown Diocese she served at St. Joseph Riverside Hospital in Warren as an LPN and then as a pastoral minister.

In the Pittsburgh Diocese she was an LPN at Villa Maria Community Center where she cared for the sisters in the infirmary.

A daughter of the late Vincent John and Rose (Cicerella) Glorioso, she is survived by her brother Ronald (Carol) Glorioso, Viera, Fla.; her sister Marie (Robert) Bauman, Toledo, Ohio; many nieces and nephews and their families; and her sisters in the Humility of Mary Congregation with whom she shared her life for 56 years.

**Sister Noreen Stearns, H.M.**, formerly Sister Columba, died Sun., Oct. 30 at Villa Maria Community Center.

Born in Hoboken, N.J., on March 4, 1930, Sr. Noreen graduated from Villa Maria High School in 1947 and entered the HM Community from St. Michael Parish, Union City, N.J., in 1948.

She served 49 years in active ministry as an educator teaching in the primary grades and then serving as principal in the Cleveland, Youngstown, and Pittsburgh dioceses, and then as a chaplain for imprisoned youth at the Youth Development Center of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in New Castle. Sr. Noreen was a volunteer who was eagerly welcomed as she visited the sick in her parish. She gave witness in the ministry of prayer and faith-filled presence for the last 11 years of her life sharing her smile and infectious laugh with all.

Sr. Noreen is survived by her sisters in the Humility of Mary Congregation and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Nora (Cunningham) Stearns, and her sister, Gloria Wickel.


She graduated from Holy Trinity High School in Cleveland in 1949 and entered the HM Community from St. Margaret Parish on October 7, 1952.

Her ministry of 61 years saw her involvement in music, finance and the Forum for Sisters from Central and Eastern Europe and the USA. She served in various capacities in the Cleveland, Youngstown and Pittsburgh dioceses and also spent time in Hungary.

Sr. Veronica was in residence at Villa Maria Community Center, Villa Maria PA for the past 49 years during which time she served as the Director of Music and Liturgy for the HM Community.

In 2000 Sr. Veronica was among the founding members of the International Forum for Sisters; a spirituality and dialogue collaboration of sisters from Central and Eastern Europe along with sisters in the US with family backgrounds in those countries. The Forum was a response to a request by the US Bishops Conference for sister volunteers to assist European Sisters following the fall of Communism.

She is survived by her sisters in the Humility of Mary Congregation, her sister, Mary Hornyak and several nieces and nephews and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Mary (nee Herzog) Ternovacz and her brother, Paul Ternovacz.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, Development Office, PO Box 534, Villa Maria PA 16155.

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Villa Maria Nativity Display

Indoor Advent tradition featuring hundreds of nativity sets from around the world with entertainment from musicians, choirs, & more

12 to 5 p.m.
Dec. 4 & Dec. 11
Villa Maria Community Center, Villa Maria, Pa.

Group tours available upon request

The Villa Farm will offer fresh poinsettias, swags, wreaths & more
The Villa Shoppe will offer Fair Trade items, nativities & unique Christmas gifts

Roast Beef Dinner: 12-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4
Large $12 • Small $6

Spaghetti Dinner: 12-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11
Large $8 • Small $5

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