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Dear Friends,

Several times during our August Community Days we heard the call to participate actively, to make conscious choices for today that will move us into a future filled with hope. As we prayed and reflected together we experienced a wonderful energy and spirit that flowed from the many relationships we share.

At the Missioning ritual I shared some reflections that came from an article by Sister Mary Pat Garvin, RSM, called “Graced Companionship.” In the article, the author referenced some types of power that all of us have and can share. The first kind of power is the power of encouragement that invites us to use words that enable one to realize a dream, to do something that one thought was not possible, to lift a burden from another, or to bring a ray of hope in a difficult situation. A second kind of power is the power of hospitality, a major component of our charism that has its roots in our early history with Mother Madelaine opening her home to start a school and to welcome others who wanted to join her in ministry. Hospitality also includes openness to new ideas as we open our hearts and minds to one another. A third power is the power of resilience, the ability to bounce back or be flexible. We see evidence of resilience throughout our history and in each one of our ministries in the courage that allows us not to be stopped by difficulties or setbacks. It’s the power to stay focused on our mission and to move the ministries forward.

We are invited to share other kinds of power as well: the power of prayer and compassion, the power of dialogue and courage, and the power of collaboration, participation, and commitment. We know the source of these kinds of power is not ourselves. We recognize, as Mary did, that it is God who has done great things for us.

We are grateful for the many ways you participate in our lives and ministries through your generous support for us and for our ministries. It is together that we can release the kind of generative energy and create new ways of being together, new ways of responding to God’s call to us, and new ways of magnifying the Lord.

Gratefully yours,

Sister Toby Lardie
Pastoral Leader

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Sr. Mary Pat Cook
Sr. Carole Anne Griswold
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The Power of Commitment

Being Faithful and Authentic are Footing for Future Path

by Connie Moorhouse

August Community Days is an annual event when the HM Sisters gather to hear speakers, receive committee reports and engage in discussion on topics related to the life of the congregation. The days end with the annual Missioning of the sisters to their ministries for the coming year.

The sisters invited HM Associates, HM Service Volunteers and Volunteer Alums, former vowed members, employees and other partners in ministry to share in this year’s discussions.

Edwina Gateley, a poet, theologian, author, lay minister and founder of Genesis House, a house of hospitality for women involved in prostitution, was the guest speaker. She used the perfect blend of humor and seriousness to deliver her message of staying true to the foundation of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary and the group’s Living Document, which outlines the commitment and movement into the future.

“We all need a shot in the arm to get us moving. Thank God we have a few role models,” she said, citing examples of Jesus overcoming his own self-doubt, and the compassion, mercy and justice of Gospel women. “Jesus realized his mission was much bigger than he imagined, and these women were counter-cultural,” she said.

So what does this mean for the Sisters of the Humility of Mary?

“You don’t have to be numerous, or even young. You have to be faithful and authentic,” she reminded the captivated audience. “The call for us today, especially for religious women, is to be authentic. You are smart women, you have wisdom and you must focus your energy and ask how you can make a difference.”
The Power of Participation

HM Volunteer Service Program: Planting the Seeds of Faith and Service

by Kylene Kamensky

Plant the seeds and watch them grow. This advice can apply to all aspects of life, but never is the statement more appropriate than for the HM Volunteer Service Program (HMVS). For 22 years, the program has allowed participants to nurture the seeds of faith and service, in their own lives and in the lives of others, and help them take root for the future.

HMVS has its roots in high school immersion trips. Begun by Sr. Kathleen King, HM, in 1991 as an extension of her work with high school students in Akron, the program filled a gap and engaged college-aged young adults in ministry. “Young adults wanted to serve others but didn’t know where to go,” said Sr. Kathleen. HMVS gave them the opportunity they were seeking.

The program stays close to the sisters’ mission, and the focus is on providing opportunities for service in five main areas: education, sustainable farming, women and children, healthcare, and immigration issues. Since HMVS is part of the Catholic Volunteer Network (CVN), potential volunteers can search for these areas of interest and be matched with the HM Community because it shares their goals.
When the program was in its early years, the volunteers were sent to 26 sites where the HM Sisters worked and there was a focus on short-term volunteering and immersion groups. It has since evolved into a year-long commitment. The volunteers currently serve at many sites in six locations — Cleveland, Canton and Youngstown, Ohio; Villa Maria, Pennsylvania; and Immokalee and Miami, Florida.

These sites include a variety of agencies like West Side Community House and Villa Montessori Center in Cleveland; The Villa Farm at Villa Maria Community Center; Guadalupe Center and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers in Immokalee; and Americans for Immigrant Justice in Miami.

HM Volunteers are encouraged to live simply in community; this is possible because the program provides a monthly stipend, health insurance, room and board, and transportation to and from the placement site. An additional benefit is that because of the partnership with the Catholic Volunteer Network, volunteers are able to earn an education award offered through AmeriCorps. This award is distributed upon completion of the service term and can be used to return to school, pay down a school loan or purchase school related equipment.

Sr. Mary Stanco, HM, program director, says those who decide to make the commitment to service “open wide their hearts” to the concepts of faith and service. The combination of these two ideas is often what young adults are looking for when considering a volunteer program. It is one of many attributes that attracted the 2013-2014 volunteers to the HM program. Their experiences while serving can often be life-changing.

Cleo Thelus, a second year volunteer, described her decision to commit to a volunteer program as “a nagging on my heart to do service.” While searching for opportunities after completing her undergraduate studies, she found HMVS through the Catholic Volunteer Network. Because she was interested in social justice issues, she felt the HM program was a good fit with the values of her Catholic faith.

Cleo was placed at Saint Martin de Porres High School in Cleveland for her first year of service and expected to be able to relate to the people immediately because of a shared faith. She was surprised when that wasn’t the case. It wasn’t what she expected, but something the principal told her helped her focus her efforts. “We serve because

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we are Catholic,” Cleo said when she related the advice the principal gave her. “I understand [now] that I need to understand where people are coming from, and I learned how to love and enjoy people I wouldn’t have necessarily picked myself.” Both her experiences in her first year and her long-term education goals contributed to her decision to do a second year of volunteer work at Saint Martin de Porres.

“I have more growing to do,” Cleo said. “I want to be a part of my students’ growth, and it’s a good place for me to be mentally, spiritually, joyfully. I’m a better person for participating in the program and being part of Saint Martin de Porres.”

Amanda Perusek, another second year volunteer, came to HMVS in a different way — a friend of hers is a HM Volunteer alumna and was the leader of Amanda’s youth group through high school. This friend planned an immersion trip to Immokalee, and Amanda said she fell in love with the place and knew she would go back.

“I was raised doing service projects and volunteering, whether it was at home, at school or with my youth group,” Amanda said. “It’s important to me because it’s putting my faith into action. It’s living out Scripture, day to day, in a real, feasible and tangible way. I love God and I love people. What better way to spend a year than by giving my time to love and reach out to others?”

The program’s focus on community and simple living was also very appealing to Amanda. She counts the values she’s learned through living simply as one of the things she has liked best about participating in the volunteer program. In her second year, Amanda will serve in Cleveland and live with four other volunteers.

One of those Cleveland volunteers is Cara Nestor, a first year volunteer. She was also attracted to the program because of the focus on community living. “I debated and discerned between HMVS and another group, but HMVS was the one that worked out,

Amanda and her students at the Guadalupe Center have some fun outside. 
Photo contributed by Amanda Perusek

“I love God and I love people. What better way to spend a year than by giving my time to love and reach out to others?”
—Amanda Perusek

2013-2014 HM Volunteers gather for Missioning at Magnificat Chapel on August 3. Photo contributed by Sr. Mary Stanco, HM
and I trust that everything has fallen into place for a reason,” Cara said.

Cara credits her family, friends and education as contributing factors for her desire to serve others. “I grew up attending Catholic schools, so serving your family, friends, classmates, co-workers, significant other and people in general was a consistent theme and emphasis in my education,” Cara said. “A large part of life is figuring out who you are, who you’re called to be, how to live your faith, and what you have to offer others and where. I have felt the call to a year (or so) of service for a long time, so I know this is where I should be now.” She is looking forward to the experiences she will gain and the work she will do this year at her placement site.

Traditionally, the age range of participants has been 21-30, but Sr. Mary has been expanding her efforts to attract “non-traditional” volunteers to the program. Retirees are a group she is currently pursuing. During the 2011-2012 year, the program had its first non-traditional volunteer, and there are two women in that category participating this year. Though they won’t live in community with the rest of the volunteers, they will participate in the orientation and retreat opportunities and build their own community with the other volunteers through other means.

But the connection doesn’t stop when a volunteer’s year of service is complete. Sr. Kathleen is the current director of the HM Volunteer Alumni group. With 340 alumni to keep track of, Sr. Kathleen manages it with grace. She sends a quarterly newsletter with a personalized note to each person and invites them to retreat days and reunions to keep them connected to the HM Community.

So no matter where HM Volunteer Service Program alumni end up, they will always be part of the HM Family.

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– Cleo Thelus

2013-2014 HM Volunteer orientation week at the Villa. Photo contributed by Sr. Mary Stanco, HM
The Power of Encouragement

Villa Montessori Center’s Little Free Library Inspires Reading

by Connie Moorhouse

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies. These words from Mother Teresa best describe the Little Free Library movement—literally and figuratively.

Little Free Libraries can easily be mistaken for bird houses. Mounted on a post, they are dotting landscapes around the world in an effort to promote literacy and the love of reading.

They are filled with donated books, and the rules are simple for anyone who uses them... Take a book. Leave a book. That’s it, no record-keeping, no loyalty card and no obligation to return the book. The system does rely on people to honorably return the books they borrow or replenish the stock by donating books of their own they no longer want.

A Little Free Library was erected this spring at Villa Montessori Center, a ministry of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, located in Slavic Village, Cleveland.

The Southeast Kiwanis of Cleveland coordinated building the library, which resembles a little red school house and measures 16 inches deep by 20 inches wide by 14 inches high. It is located in the corner of the parking lot outside the center.

The center’s little free library is the third in Slavic Village and one of thousands established in over 34 states and 20 countries, targeting rural and low-income areas.

During the ceremony, the center’s students and guests in attendance each took a turn placing a book in the library for others to take, read and enjoy.

All from a small structure with a simple concept that will have a huge and lasting impact on many.
The Power of Resilience

Potier Center Blessing Marks New Direction for Spirituality, Retreat

by Connie Moorhouse

Villa Maria High School made a lasting impression in the lives of countless women who attended the school until its closing in 1989. After the school closed, the name of the building was changed to the Potier Center, and it was used for a variety of programs and activities, but never fully utilized.

The recent renovation of the Potier Center utilizes all of the space and reflects the shift to more diverse groups and enhanced programming. It features 41 rooms with private baths and air conditioning, a laundry, a large gathering area, a small conference room, and television and Wi-Fi access.

The hope is that the building will continue to serve its original purpose by touching the lives of children of all ages, who come to learn, reflect and celebrate God’s love for them.

A blessing ceremony for the new Potier Center was held as part of August Community Days. The Diocese of Erie Priest Retreat Sept. 9-13 marked the first official use of the building.

Fun Fact!
The Power of Hospitality

Villa Maria Apartments Mark Ministry Milestone

by Alan Bayowski

Since coming to America in 1864, the Sisters of the Humility of Mary have continued the tradition started with their founding in France, making hospitality a part of their ministry, opening their home to orphans, the sick and injured, and anyone else in need.

In the 1980s, that same tradition was the thread for exploring the need for safe, affordable housing for older adults. An assessment of the surrounding area resulted in a plan to develop a community of apartments that would provide an environment where residents would feel a sense of home and caring about one another, according to Sr. Celine Metzger, who served on the HM leadership team and as administrator of Villa Maria Community Center at the time.

Villa Maria Apartments (VMA), 37 one- and two-bedroom apartments for independent living, were dedicated for ministry on Oct. 1, 1988, and were the result of the 1985 HM Chapter Mandate that the HM Congregation sponsor living accommodations for the elderly and that segments of Villa Maria property and buildings be better utilized to meet the needs of our society. This sharing of their resources was the sisters’ way of extending quality of life to others. In 2003, space was converted for four additional two-bedroom apartments.

The apartments are home to a fascinating group of women and men ranging in age from 58 to 93. Some residents are from nearby neighborhoods and others have moved from great distances to live closer to family in the area.

Residents are encouraged to share their talents and skills with one another or to volunteer in the library, at the reception desk, The Villa Shoppe or in other areas that help the larger Villa community.

Elaine Ross and Gerrie DiMatteo, sisters who grew up in Hubbard, Ohio, and lived separately as adults, decided to share a two-bedroom apartment at VMA over eight years ago.

“We love it here. We are like one, big family that cares about one another,” said Gerrie. “We enjoy wonderful friendships, socials, potlucks, games and bus trips.”

Alan Bayowski, president and CEO of Villa Maria Residential Services, the non-profit organization sponsored
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— Alan Bayowski

by the Sisters of the Humility of Mary that operates VMA, has lived at the apartments for almost five years.

“I’ve worked in, and visited, some of the finest retirement facilities in the country, and now I’m living in one of the best,” he said, referring to his 40 years of experience working in the field of aging. “We are a self-contained village with a chapel, dining room, gift shop, library, indoor pool and US Post Office, all on a gorgeous 760-acre campus, which includes walking trails and a working farm with a greenhouse and market barn, where residents can purchase seasonal flowers, plants and produce. Plus, we are ideally situated just 15 minutes from Youngstown, Ohio, and New Castle, Pa.”

Alan works with a 17-member board of directors, which includes three HM Sisters. The group meets quarterly, and various committees meet throughout the year.

Board members bring diverse backgrounds and live within the service area. Discussions focus on the challenges of independent living as residents age-in-place.

“We constantly explore how to best enhance programming, keep rental rates competitive, and most importantly, do this within our mission as an HM sponsored-ministry,” Alan said.

Shirley and Tom Martwinski moved into the apartments in April, but have been volunteering at Villa Maria Community Center for almost 30 years.

“We love it here, swimming in the pool almost every day, and helping the farm staff prepare the garden for planting,” said Tom. “Plus, there are four public golf courses within four miles. What more could anyone want?”

VILLA MARIA APARTMENTS’ 25TH ANNIVERSARY

A special celebration in recognition of the 25th Anniversary of Villa Maria Apartments will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10.

The event will begin with a special Mass of Thanksgiving in the chapel at 1 p.m., followed by an open house from 2 to 4 p.m., with apartment and facility tours and light refreshments. At 3 p.m., Alan Bayowski will give a short presentation on downsizing/rightsizing in the second half of life and considerations for apartment-style living.

The event is free and open to the public with no registration needed. Villa Maria Apartments are located at 380 Villa Drive, Villa Maria, Pa. For information, contact Janet Fabry, at 724-964-8920, ext. 3333.

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HM Development Office Launches New Online Giving Page

We’re making it easier to give online. By Nov. 1, you’ll find a new landing page when you click “Support Us” on the Humility of Mary website.

“Donors will find the new landing page when they click the ‘give online’ link. We are trying to make it easier for donors to find the giving information they need,” said Wendy Wareham, director of development. “Hopefully, this will help our donors to navigate easily for memorial gifts, monthly gifts, dedication gift options and more.”

Wendy is interested in receiving feedback from donors on the ease of use. “It’s very much a work in progress. I would really appreciate comments that will help us to improve the page,” she said.

Comments on the landing page can be sent directly to Wendy at wwareham@humilityofmary.org

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FROM THE HM DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
Lourdes Alumnae Gather

The Lourdes Academy All-Class Reunion held Sept. 8 at Magnificat High School brought together about 200 alumnae for a festive evening.

The event, organized by the HM Development Office, has been held at Magnificat for the last seven years. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Neil Walters. Renata Rafferty, president of Magnificat High School, presented an update on the Lourdes Scholarship and announced the following scholarship recipients: Brianna Kilbane, Class of 2014, great granddaughter of Ann Kilbane; Caitlin Ward, Class of 2016, granddaughter of Connie Sandusky Kappus; Kelsey Albertino, Class of 2015, granddaughter of Cecelia Sweeney Fike; and Elizabeth Lentz, Class of 2017, granddaughter of Evelyn White Walsh, great niece of Dr. Patty Walsh, Cathy Walsh and Karen Walsh. Jeanne (Meyers) Lamb ('59) held a raffle in support of the Lourdes Scholarship and for the HM Community.

Many thanks to Marie (Moulton) Kozak ('56) and her fellow classmates who volunteered to help organize and staff the event.

In 2014, the reunion will return to its regular date of Aug. 15.

Do you have updates on mailing information for you or your classmates? Contact Christine at csharpe@humilityofmary.org
Community Kudos

Sister Earns Spot in Hall of Distinction
Sr. Susanne Gill was inducted into Hoover High School Alumni Association’s Hall of Distinction on Sept. 18. The ceremony and banquet took place at Hoover High School in North Canton, Ohio. Inductees chosen for this honor have made significant contributions to the North Canton community or schools, or are graduates who are successful in their professions. Along with being a North Canton High School graduate, Sr. Susanne was also a teacher and principal in the Canton area for many years.

Emmanuel Community Care Center Honored
In recognition of its dedication to Trumbull County’s homeless population and all people in need, Emmanuel Community Care Center received the Voice of Hope Award from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Youngstown. The dinner and award ceremony took place at Mr. Anthony’s in Boardman, Ohio.

SEW Celebrates 10 Years of Empowering Women
As part of HM’s 150th anniversary in 2004, HM leadership designated funds for projects honoring each of the HM Corporate Witness Statements. A portion of the funds for the Statement on Central America was given to Salvadoran Enterprises for Women (SEW), a non-profit organization established in 2003 to build and manage the financial resources, community networks, solidarity efforts, and the U.S. and Salvadoran markets that facilitate new — and help expand existing — employment and development opportunities for women in El Salvador.

SEW empowers women in El Salvador who want to work and have ideas for effective businesses near their home and serve local and regional needs. The initial funding from HM has enabled many SEW microenterprises to flourish, including a mobile kitchen, bakery, sewing center, poultry farm, community garden, herbal medicine, indigo dyed clothing, and making jelly, candles and leather goods.

In preparation for SEW’s 10th anniversary celebration held in September in Baltimore, SEW founder Sister Anne Marie Gardiner, SSND, acknowledged, “HMs have done so much to bring us to this tenth year.”

More information on SEW projects is available on its website: www.sewinc.org

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Stay Connected with our New Website
We are excited and proud to share our new website. Launched in July, the site is bright, colorful and has everything you need to stay connected with all that is happening with the Sisters of the Humility of Mary — our history, our ministries, the HM Associate Community, HM Volunteer Service, The Villa Farm, The Villa Shoppe, Villa Maria Circle, and news, events and photo galleries, as well as employment and giving opportunities. So check it out at www.humilityofmary.org. And feel free to add us to your “Favorites” and check back often as we are regularly adding new and interesting content.
Sister Honored at Susan G. Komen Event

Sr. Susan Corrigan was honored as a breast cancer survivor at the closing ceremony of the Cleveland Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk Aug. 2-4 at Cuyahoga Community College in Parma. Erin and Chloe, Sr. Susan’s niece and great-niece, participated in the event and other HM Sisters and family members welcomed the walkers at the finish line. The event is a 60-mile walk spread over three days that raises funds for breast cancer research. Participants must raise at least $2,300 to participate in the walk.

Ceremony, Tribute Marks Sister’s Retirement

Sr. Carole Anne Griswold was honored at a ceremony Sept. 6 to commemorate her retirement after more than 30 years of service as vice president of mission integration at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Lorain. In her honor, a courtyard was dedicated as the Sister Carole Anne Griswold Garden of Peace. Sr. Carole Anne is a member of the new HM leadership team.

Fun Fact!

St. Louis Parish in Louisville, Ohio, celebrates its 175th anniversary this year. A request from Bishop Rappe of the Cleveland Diocese to assist the French immigrants at St. Louis Parish is what brought the HM Community to the United States in 1864.

Did you know?

This year is the 15th anniversary of the Labyrinth on the Villa grounds. Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center offers guided walks through October. Please visit www.vmesc.org for more information on the guided walks.

Villa Farm Volunteers

Many groups volunteer their time to help out on The Villa Farm. This group helped gather produce for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. The Villa Farm donates a large portion of what it grows to local food banks, shelters, and parishes.
The following programs are provided by Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center (VMESC) and will take place at Villa Maria. Please contact Dana Stiger at 724-964-8886 for more information or visit www.vmesc.org. Additional programs and information are listed on the VMESC website.

**Upcoming Programs**

**Holiness is Wholeness**
**Presenter:** Melannie Svoboda, SND
**Friday-Sunday, Nov. 1-3, 2013**
**Time:** 7 p.m. Friday-10 a.m. Sunday
**Cost:** $175
**Registration deadline:** Friday, Oct. 18, 2013

This weekend retreat explores five signs of everyday holiness in our everyday lives: a sense of wonder, peace, hospitality, playfulness, and the ability to live graciously with adversity and ambiguity.

Sister Melannie Svoboda, SND, is a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio. She is a nationally in-demand speaker and has authored 11 books.

**Enneagram Retreat**
**Presenter:** Cheryl Rose, HM
**Friday-Sunday, Nov. 22-24, 2013**
**Time:** Part 1 - 6 p.m. Friday-5 pm. Saturday; Part 2 - 7 p.m. Saturday-3 p.m. Sunday
**Cost:** $135 for Part 1 or Part 2 individually; $195 for Part 1 and Part 2 combined
**Registration deadline:** Nov. 8, 2013

The Enneagram is a theory that describes nine personality types by combining insights of modern psychology with the wisdom of ancient philosophies. In Part One, participants discover their Enneagram type and investigate some of the implications for building better relationships. In Part Two, past participants of Part One, or those who have just completed Part One, explore their type in greater depth and investigate some of the implications for personal growth.

Sister Cheryl Rose, HM, currently serves on the Vocation/Formation Team. She is a certified teacher of the Enneagram personality inventory and has conducted a number of personality workshops for a wide variety of groups in northeast Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and South Carolina.

**What on Earth is Discipleship Today?**
**Presenter:** Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp., Ph.D.
**Friday-Saturday, Dec. 6-7, 2013**
**Time:** 10 a.m. Friday-1 p.m. Saturday
**Cost:** $90  **Commuter Rate:** $50
**Registration deadline:** Friday, Nov. 22, 2013

Co-Sponsored by the Sisters of the Humility of Mary

Discipleship is an open invitation to absolutely everyone. But Jesus sets the terms. And many people do not want to pay the price — then and now. We will explore what it means for us today, in our own particular circumstances. This program will include four presentations by Fr. Gittins and liturgy.

Fr. Gittins is a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and Professor Emeritus at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago where he has taught Theology and Cultural Anthropology, and has held the Bishop Ford Chair of Mission Theology.

**A Christian Spirituality for the 21st Century**
**Presenter:** Michael Morwood
**Friday-Sunday, March 28-30, 2014**

The 21st century provides us with images, data, and an understanding of the cosmos and how life developed on Earth that are radically different from the worldview and cosmology which have shaped formal religion’s understanding of Jesus as revealer of God-with-us. We will use this “lens” to focus on God, on the human endeavor; on revelation, on Judaism, on Jesus and his message of the “kingdom of God” here on earth, on what Jesus was ready to die for, on the mystery of what lies beyond death, and on prayer and sacraments.

Michael Morwood has over 40 years of experience in retreat, education, parish, and adult faith development ministries. A nationally and internationally known speaker, Michael is currently the theologian in residence at Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, Pa.
The Power of Prayer and Contemplation

Then ▼
This unidentified photo taken at the Lourdes Shrine at Villa Maria might be from the mid-1930s. Today visitors frequently come to pray and to light votive candles at the Lourdes Shrine and the Wish House nearby.

Now ►
The Lourdes Shrine at Villa Maria as it stands today. The trees are a bit bigger, but it remains a spot of peace and tranquility for prayerful contemplation on the Villa grounds.

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