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Dear Friends:

As I write this letter I am very conscious of this quote from Ecclesiastes with which many of us are familiar. Change and transitions are all about us – in nature, in our world, in our Church, and in our Community – the Sisters of the Humility of Mary.

Change and transitions bring about opportunities as well as challenges. Within each change – each time of transition – there are multiple possibilities – seeds for growth – seeds breaking open and bringing forth new life. Often the choice is ours as to how we respond to the possibilities, to the opportunities.

As Sisters we have been on a sacred journey these past two years – asking ourselves “what is God inviting us to become as we move into the future?” At our community meetings in March we created A Living Document which will guide us as we move into the future.

In May, at our community meetings, we elected the new Leadership Team who will assume their responsibilities on August 3. Sister Toby Lardie will serve as the Pastoral Leader and she will be assisted by Sisters Karen Bernhardt, Mary Pat Cook, Carole Anne Griswold and Barbara Wincik.

In May we also celebrated 50 years of service with six of our sisters. The theme for their celebration was “For all that has been, Thanks, For all that shall be, Yes” (Dag Hammarskjold). We congratulate them and thank them for their commitment as they move into the future with a “yes” to all that shall be.

Thank you for supporting us in our lives, our ministries and our care for one another. Know that you are special and will continue to be in our prayers.

In Mary’s Humility,

Sister Susan Schorsten
Pastoral Leader

Leadership Team

Sister Mary Pat Cook
Sister Jane Marie Kudlacz
Sister Toby Lardie
Sister Carolyn Marshall
Sister Susan Schorsten, Pastoral Leader

MISSION:

We share Jesus’ mission of bringing more abundant life to God’s people, especially the poor, by announcing the liberating message of the gospel and by the witness of our lives.

— HM Constitutions
Chapter Establishes Direction and Leadership

Every four years, the Sisters of the Humility of Mary gather in a general chapter to reflect on our heritage in light of the signs of the times, to set direction and to elect a leadership team to facilitate the implementation of that direction.

Over the past two years, the community has been engaged in a visioning process around the question: what is God calling us to become? That question has been the focus of community days, regional meetings and individual prayer and reflection. Spirit-filled exchanges with one another and with many who collaborate with us and share our charism and spirituality preceded the Chapter of Affairs session which was held March 8-14, 2013 at Villa Maria Community Center.

Each day’s agenda emerged from the contemplative conversations and prayer of the previous day – a process that certainly challenged those more accustomed to organized strategic planning processes. Over the week, 94 questions were refined to 27 questions which morphed to six phrases which gave birth to *A Living Document*. In that document, we commit ourselves to be Gospel women who collaborate with others as citizens of the universe participating in the evolution and growth of God’s reign.

The Chapter of Elections session was held from May 9-11. The newly elected leadership team will be led by Sister Toby Lardie as Pastoral Leader and will include Sisters Karen Bernhardt, Mary Pat Cook, Carole Anne Griswold and Barbara Wincik.

Sisters Toby and Mary Pat have served on the Leadership Team for the past four years. Sister Toby began her ministry in elementary education where she served as a

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A Living Document

Forward movements into the future related to who God is calling us to become ...

- As Gospel Women, contemplatives in action, we live compassionate justice and courageously speak the truth.
  1. Continue to deepen our evolving understanding of what it means to be Gospel Women in today’s Church and world through study, conversation, prayer and ritual.
  2. Identify and discern together the needs we are called to address and prepare ourselves to take action.
  3. Expand our public voice using available 21st century technology to extend our mission and advocate with partners for critical issues of justice and truth.

- As HM Sisters, we collaborate with others, sharing our charism and spirituality, for the sake of advancing the mission.
  1. Continue to develop the covenant relationship process with ongoing communication and consultation with, and affirmation by the Community.
  2. Expand and continually develop mutually enriching relationships with our Associates and partners in ministry.

- As citizens of the universe, we acknowledge our participation with all creation in the evolution and growth of the reign of God.
  1. Deepen our understanding of both the evolutionary process and environmental issues in furthering the reign of God through education, personal and communal reflection and dialogue.
  2. Continue to develop and integrate our understanding of the vows into daily living in the context of our evolutionary consciousness.
  3. Establish the Villa as a hub of co-creativity related to spirituality, sustainability and holistic living.
teacher and principal. She was part of the Cleveland Mission Team in El Salvador for nine years, and was with the Mexican American Cultural Center in San Antonio for eleven years. Most recently Sister Toby has been part of the HM Membership and Affiliation Team.

Sister Mary Pat’s entire ministry prior to elected community leadership was in secondary education for young women at Villa Maria High School, Villa Maria, Pennsylvania and Magnificat High School in Rocky River, Ohio where she served as principal for twelve years.

Sister Karen began in elementary and religious education, engaged in Hispanic ministry in Florida, Chicago and northwest Ohio and is now the National Director for the Catholic Migrant Farmworker Network.

Sister Carole Anne’s ministry in health care began in nursing. She became involved with mission integration ministry with Humility of Mary Health Partners in Youngstown and Warren, Ohio and as a consultant. She has been Vice President for Mission Integration for Mercy Health Partners in Lorain, Ohio since 2001.

Sister Barbara Wincik has served as a counselor and psychiatric nurse since 1990. She is a nurse-clinical nurse specialist and is on the adjunct faculty for the School of Nursing at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

Sisters Karen, Mary Pat and Toby have been active in the Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking.

Although these five women will serve in an elected role, the Chapter affirmed that the ministry of leadership belongs to all members of the community, that each brings her gifts to living the words of the document we created together.

“In the small group sharings, the goodness of each of our sisters shines through. When we are together discerning, the church and world are very much in our thoughts. There are many gifts but one Spirit who will continue to show us ways forward if our hearts are open.”

— Sister Helen Jean Novy
In Celebration

The HM Congregation is honoring twenty Jubilarians as they celebrate their 70, 65, 60, and 50 years of vowed religious life. These sisters have ministered in the fields of administration, counseling, education, finance, healthcare, music, parish and pastoral ministry, social services, spiritual direction, and congregational leadership. Through their ministries and in their prayers, they have witnessed God’s love to the people of God, and have touched many lives along the way.

70 Years

Sister Consolata Kline, the former Rita Kline, entered from Blessed Sacrament Parish, Cleveland. Sister Consolata graduated magna cum laude from St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO with a BS in Business Administration, as well as a MHA in Hospital Administration. She served St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown for 32 years as a secretary and then as Assistant Administrator and finally as Administrator for almost 20 years. Sister Consolata then served the HM Community as Major Superior from 1981-1989. She then ministered as Associate Vicar for Social Concerns for the Diocese of Youngstown before serving as Vicar for Social Concerns. Sister Consolata then went on to minister as Executive Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Youngstown. She also volunteered at the West Side Catholic Center, Cleveland. Sister Consolata currently serves in the Ministry of Prayer at Villa Maria Community Center; Villa Maria.

Sister Margaret Mary Siegfried's tribute to Sister Consolata

When you think of this beautiful Irish religious woman, you automatically think of service and people. Her life could be described as one of serving God and God’s people. During her years of service at St. Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown, Ohio, she knew all the employees by name, and often something about their families. When she was elected to serve in Community Leadership, her focus changed to the people who were her Sisters in the Humility of Mary Congregation. After her years of service at Villa Maria, she felt a desire to serve people in the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio as Director of Catholic Charities. Then her life of service continued in the Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio where she volunteered at the West Side Catholic Center. Here she served many people who needed help in the Literacy Program. Another one of her volunteer services was at St. John’s Villa in Carrollton, Ohio, where her excellent administrative skills shone brightly.

All through her life she developed that deep Irish faith in God, which she nourished and increased by her continuous prayer life. Now that her years of service are complete, she continues praying in the Health Care Unit of Villa Maria Community Center for all of God’s People, especially her beloved family and friends. She sends her best wishes to everyone.

Sister Agnes Clare Snyder, the former Clara Snyder, entered from St. Paul Parish, Canton. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from St. John College, Cleveland, and holds a Master in Education from The University of Toledo, Toledo. Sister Agnes Clare’s 43-year ministry as an elementary school teacher saw her at: St. Philip Neri, Cleveland; St. Christopher, Rocky River; St. Patrick, Kent; Blessed Sacrament, Cleveland; St. Joseph, Massillon; Mt. Carmel, Ashtabula; St. Sebastian, Akron; Mother of Sorrows, Ashtabula; St. Paul, Canton; and St. Joseph, Ashtabula. Sister Agnes Clare then ministered as the Assistant to the Director of the Ashtabula Catholic Elementary School System, Ashtabula, and as Assistant Librarian and Tutor. She then volunteered as an Educational Assistant at St. Paul, Salem. Sister Agnes Clare has ministered at Villa Maria Community Center; Villa Maria as a tutoring volunteer; and currently serves in the Ministry of Prayer.

When I reflect on the lessons and blessings of 70 years of religious life, I am so grateful for the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life. I have come to a great faith in the Holy Spirit, feeling the Spirit’s presence and seeing the result of it in my life. I have learned that the working of the Spirit does not always come in visible, radical ways. It requires great trust that your prayers will be answered according to the will of God. I call on the Holy Spirit in prayer, asking for insight for our leaders, for the guidance of loved ones, and for a greater understanding and reliance on faith for all.

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70 Years  continued

**Sister Margaret Mary Siegfried**, the former Dorothy Siegfried, entered from St. John the Baptist Parish, Canton. She earned her BS in Pharmacy from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh in 1951. She completed her Pharmacy Internship at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown. Upon graduation, she served as Pharmacist at St. Joseph Riverside Hospital, Warren.

Sister Margaret Mary served as Director of the Hospital Pharmacy and then as Staff Pharmacist at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown. She has ministered as a volunteer in Emergency and Intensive Care at St. Elizabeth Health Center, Youngstown since 1994. In addition to her volunteer duties at the hospital, Sister Margaret Mary also volunteers at Villa Maria Community Center, Villa Maria, and has served in the Ministry of Prayer since 2008.

**I Am Celebrating a Jubilee Year**

- of thanksgiving for all the graces and blessings of the past 70 years of religious life.
- of joy in the Lord, for the gift of life in the presence of God.
- of increased faith that God will always be faithful to His promises.
- of renewed hope for the future of the church, of religious life, and of our Community of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary.
- of deepened love of God and all of His people, that we may grow together toward a better world on earth, and eternal life in the world to come.
- of constant prayer for all the people living and dead, who have supported and encouraged me on my journey as a Sister of the Humility of Mary.
- of inner peace in the comforting knowledge of the complete faithfulness and total forgiveness of the Lord.

— Sister Margaret Mary Siegfried

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**Sister Marie Bohn**, formerly Sister Mary Claude, entered from St. Cecilia Parish, Cleveland. Her ministry began as an educator at St. Raphael, Bay Village. She then taught at St. John the Baptist, Canton; St. James, Lakewood (as a Critic Teacher); St. Paul, Salem; St. Edward Jr. High, Youngstown; and at St. Joseph, Ashtabula and Annunciation, Akron, where she served in both schools as principal. Sister Marie’s work in campus ministry found her at the University of Michigan, Gabriel Richard Center, Dearborn, MI; Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland; and Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN where she participated in the Newman Apostolate. She served at St. Henry, Cleveland and St. Monica, Garfield Heights in Pastoral Ministry before providing freelance retreat work in the Akron area. Sister Marie is a Spiritual Director and has given retreats in many retreat centers.

**Sister Mary Ann Sebian**, formerly Sister Mary Elizabeth, entered from St. Mary Parish, Painesville. She began her ministry as a music teacher at St. Stephen, Niles, and then later at St. Edward, Youngstown; St. Christopher, Rocky River; and St. Brendan, Youngstown. From 1965-1969, Sister Mary Ann served the Temuco, Chile Diocese as a missionary and English teacher in the university. Upon her return from Chile, she ministered as Director of the Speech Pathology Department at Lake County Society for Children and Adults. Sister Mary Ann also served St. Elizabeth Health Center, Youngstown as a Speech and Language Pathologist. Sister Mary Ann has ministered as a home visitor for St. James Parish, New Bedford, PA and has participated in the Ministry of Prayer at Villa Maria Community Center, Villa Maria.

**Sister Noreen Stearns**, formerly Sister Columba, entered from St. Michael Parish, Union City, NJ. Her 52 year ministry as a teacher, principal and youth chaplain began at St. Mary, Painesville as a teacher. Sister Noreen then taught at St.
Joe  as well as in the Youngstown Diocese at St. Philip and James, Canal Fulton and St. Paul, Salem. Sister Rita also served as principal at St. Brendan, Youngstown from 1971-1978. She then ministered as a counselor at Alcoholic Clinic, Youngstown, and then as Alcohol Counselor at St. Vincent Charity Hospital, Cleveland, before serving as Pastoral Minister for 13 years at Our Lady of Angels Parish, Cleveland. Sister Rita also volunteered at Heartbeats, Rocky River, and Our Lady of Angels Parish, Cleveland.

Sister Barbara Herrmann, formerly Sister Leo, entered from St. Joseph Parish in Sharon, PA. She ministered in the field of education as a teacher at St. Martha, Akron; St. Albert the Great, N. Royalton; St. Cecilia, Cleveland; St. Christopher, Rocky River; St. Paul, Salem; St. Patrick, Hubbard; and Our Lady of Grace, Pittsburgh, PA. She served as administrator at Annunciation, Akron; St. James, Lakewood; and St. Patrick, Hubbard. At the Villa she has ministered in the Finance Office as Payroll Manager and Finance Office Assistant, as well as now serving in the Transportation Department.

Sister Marjorie King, formerly Sister Luellen, entered from Annunciation Parish, Akron. Her ministry as a teacher began at St. Brendan, Youngstown, and continued at St. Paul, Canton; St. Joseph, Ashtabula; St. Mary, Painesville; Annunciation, Akron; Our Lady of Grace, Pittsburgh; St. Stephen, Niles; St. Louis, Louisville; and St. Patrick, Hubbard where she also served as Religious Education Coordinator. She served as Co-director of Emmaus House in Saginaw, MI, as well as Case Manager continued on page 10

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Sister Rita Henley, formerly Sister Mary St. Edna, S.N.D., entered from Our Lady of Angels Parish, Cleveland. She served as an educator in the Cleveland Diocese at St. Mary, Elyria; St. Peter, N. Ridgeville; and Gesu, University Heights, as well as in the Youngstown Diocese at St. Philip and James, Canal Fulton and St. Paul, Salem. Sister Rita also served as principal at St. Brendan, Youngstown from 1971-1978. She then ministered as a counselor at Alcoholic Clinic, Youngstown, and then as Alcohol Counselor at St. Vincent Charity Hospital, Cleveland, before serving as Pastoral Minister for 13 years at Our Lady of Angels Parish, Cleveland. Sister Rita also volunteered at Heartbeats, Rocky River; and Our Lady of Angels Parish, Cleveland.

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for Mercy Manor; Dayton and Therapeutic Staff Support for St. Anthony’s Point, Sharon, PA. She volunteered as CASA/Guardian ad Litem for the Mahoning County Courts, Youngstown. She provided hospitality at Villa Maria Community Center; Villa Maria, PA, and served as a driver for the Community. She currently is a volunteer in the Archives Office and in the Ministry of Prayer at Villa Maria Community Center; Villa Maria.

Sister Dolores Strah, formerly Sister Christina Rose, S.N.D., entered from St. Vitus Parish, Cleveland. She ministered first as a cook at St. Stephen, Cleveland; St. Mary, Avon; St. Gregory, S. Euclid; St. Peter, Canton; and Maryhill, Canton. Sister Dolores then ministered for 30 years in the field of education having taught at St. Paschal Baylon, Cleveland; St. Jude, Elyria; St. Benedict, Cleveland; St. Albert the Great, N. Royalton; St. Martha, Akron; St. James, Lakewood; St. Aloysius, E. Liverpool; and St. Pius X, Warren. She then served as Administrative Secretary at Villa Montessori Center, Cleveland, and as a staff member at Heartbeats, Rocky River. Sister Dolores currently serves as a receptionist at the HM Ministry Center, Rocky River.

Sister Veronica Ternovacz, formerly Sister Bernard, entered from St. Margaret Church, Cleveland. She ministered for 23 years as a Music Teacher first at St. Brendan, Youngstown, then at St. Christopher, Rocky River; St. Raphael, Bay Village; and Villa Maria High School, Villa Maria, PA. Sister Veronica has ministered to the HM Community as Assistant Treasurer and General Treasurer. She served as Director of Purchasing for Villa Dry Goods, Villa Maria for 16 years. Sister Veronica currently ministers as the Director of Music/Liturgy at Villa Maria Community Center; Villa Maria, a position she has held since 1967.

Sister Veronica Ternovacz,
Sister Rose Anne Hanlon entered from St. Paul Parish in Canton. A Canton Central Catholic High School graduate, Sister Rose Anne has her BA from the former St. Mary of the Springs College, Columbus and her MSE from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. She has served as a teacher, guidance counselor, the associate director of the Office of Church Vocations in the Diocese of Youngstown, and as a member of the hospitality staff of Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center. She is currently the director of the library at Villa Maria Community Center and assists in the transportation office.

We celebrate Rose Anne for her faithful “yes” to God for 50 years answering God’s invitation to a life of loving service. She loves beauty and both appreciates and creates it and then shares it with friends and in ministry. She remembers students, friends, and others involved in ministry and makes connections between people – building up the body of Christ. She is a welcome companion for those who need assistance in transportation. Rose Anne sees life differently and enjoys the unusual and unique. She is kind and loving and young at heart. — Sister Marguerite Holz

Sister Barbara Lenarcic entered from St. Aloysius Church, Cleveland Ohio. She graduated from Villa Angela Academy, Cleveland and earned her BSE and also her MSE in Religious Education from St. John College, Cleveland. In addition Sister Barbara completed a master’s degree in community counseling from The University of Akron. She has been a teacher; director of religious education, pastoral minister; and a licensed professional counselor. She is now certified as a spiritual director and is a member of the staff at Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center.

All will be well . . . Julian of Norwich

Sister Barbara’s life and ministry as spiritual director and counselor reveal the depth of her commitment to others. She shares with them and the HM Community her gifts of prayer, music, art, compassion, loyalty and dependability. We thank Barbara for 50 years of faithful service. — Sister Jeanne Marie Glorioso

Sister Kathleen McIntyre entered from St. Patrick (West Park) Parish, Cleveland and is a graduate of Magnificat High School, Rocky River. She received her bachelor’s degree from Ursuline College, Pepper Pike and earned her master’s degree in counseling from The University of Akron. She has ministered as a teacher; university instructor and counselor; coordinator of a university tutorial program, as a tutor; and as a high school substitute teacher. In fall 2012, she volunteered at Magnificat High School in the new Surround Learning Center.

Sister Kathy and I have shared many years in community. She is very kind and generous with her time. We can laugh at and with each other. She prays faithfully for many intentions. We have shared many memories over the years. — Sister Carol Joy Cincerelli

Sister Mary Beth Marquard entered from St. James Church, Lakewood and is a graduate of Magnificat High School, Rocky River. Sister Mary Beth received her BSE from St. John College, Cleveland and her MA in Counseling and Human Services from John Carroll University, Cleveland. She has been a teacher; Certified Pastoral Minister and pastoral therapist. She currently works out of the HM Ministry Center in Rocky River as a pastoral minister; therapist, and spiritual director. She is also a consultant to the Cleveland Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland.

All who crossed Sister Mary Beth’s path quietly learned she is a woman of prayer, a woman of hope. As a teacher, working at The House of Prayer, Addiction Counselor, Spiritual Director, Pastoral Minister and Consultor at the Tribunal her loving heart has given meaning to her favorite bible verse — Colossians 3:12-17 “Because you are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourself with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness and patience.” Sister Mary Beth, we all can say you are “like a handprint” on our hearts. Because we have known you, we “have been changed for good.”— Sister Rita Henley

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Sister Susan Schorsten entered from St. Louis Church, Louisville and is a graduate of Canton Central Catholic High School. She received her BSN from St. John College, Cleveland, her MSN from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis and her MHA (hospital administration) from The Ohio State University, Columbus. She has ministered as a registered nurse, nurse clinician, hospital administrator; diocesan director of social ministry in the Diocesan Office of Social Concerns of the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina; and in HM congregational leadership as a member of the leadership team and first assistant. She currently serves as pastoral leader of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary.

A woman of depth and breadth and also of contrasts.
A strong leader and an eager learner.
A high energy contemplative.
A hard worker who stops to smell the roses
— usually with her camera in hand.
She is tough and gentle.
Flexible yet strong.
Gifted and humble.
A steel magnolia.

— Sister Gay Rowzie

Sister Anne Victory entered from St. Luke Church, Lakewood and is a graduate of Magnificat High School, Rocky River. Sister Anne received her BSN from St. John College, Cleveland and her MSN from The Ohio State University, Columbus. She has ministered as a health care professional and administrator; instructor in a school of practical nursing, and has served in HM congregational leadership. She is the education coordinator for the Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking, Rocky River.

For Anne prayer is as essential as breathing. Her love of God, the HM community and her family is manifested in her kindness, gentleness and generosity. An introvert, she engages bankers and bishops in conversation with ease and grace. Anne gives her all for God’s greater glory and humanity’s greater good.

— Sister Maryann Golonka

Help us to continue providing more abundant life for God’s people by including the Sisters of the Humility of Mary in your will.
To receive your free personal finance planner and information on how I can become a member of the Heritage Society, please return the form below.

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City: __________________ State: _______ Zip: _______
Phone: ____________________________

☐ Please send my personal finance planner and information on how I can become a member of the Heritage Society.
☐ I have already included the Sisters in my will.

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Remembering Helen:

A Story of Faith

It was the time of the influenza epidemic that killed millions worldwide from 1918–1920. Two little girls, Helen Rosemarie Neri and her sister Louise, lost their mother to the deadly flu. It created an all too common dilemma of the time—the father needed to work to support the family, but there was no longer a mother at home to care for the children. So little Helen, who was about five years old, and her little sister went to Villa Maria to be cared for by the sisters. Sadly, the girls also lost their father a short time later in an accident.

The girls had family members in nearby Ellwood City with whom they stayed on the weekends. During the week they lived at the convent, going to school each day and growing up with the sisters and the other children under the sisters’ care. It was the beginning of a multi-generational relationship between a family and the HM Sisters.

Helen and her sister thrived at the Villa. Helen learned to play both violin and trombone and played in an orchestra. Helen did well in her school studies. Years later, despite the many hardships and challenges in her life, she credited her success to her education at the Villa. Helen graduated from a commercial school in 1931. She moved to Cleveland and opened an ice cream store. Throughout her life she was involved in businesses, eventually moving into insurance and real estate.

Helen faced many trials in her life even as an adult. Helen’s great joy, however, came when her son William (Bill) Kalt met a young Lourdes Academy graduate named Jeanne Timony. They married, and together they started a family that allowed Helen to experience family life in a way that she had been denied as a child. “She lived around the corner from us in Bay Village,” Jeanne said. “We had Monday night dinner and bingo with the kids. She was a wonderful grandmother.”

Helen was also able to see Bill begin his career as an apprentice at Republic Steel in a machine shop. He was

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What could God do with you in just one year? That question, which came in a dream, was the seed that initiated the Just One Year program and has since blossomed into a continuing journey for women seeking a deeper relationship with God and personal growth.

The idea literally came in a dream about two and a half years ago. It became clear to Sister Cheryl Rose and Sister Toby Lardie that the deep spiritual life and transformational growth that has been core to religious life for centuries would be a rich gift to offer to women thirsting for a deeper life in God.

The vision of Just One Year (JOY) includes two options

- a year-long live-in at the Villa which involves weekly presentations on spiritual themes, two days of volunteer service, a desert prayer day, living in community, and time for personal prayer and spiritual direction.

- The other option for Just One Year is a Quarterly Intensive for those who are currently involved in work and life commitments that would make a year live-in impossible. The long weekends, Thursday to Sunday, include topics of personal growth, prayer, discernment, discipleship, scripture, mission, and time for personal prayer and reflection.

“Last year two young women in their twenties amazed us with the depth of personal transformation that can indeed happen in “just one year.” As they received blessings from the program, they were in turn great blessings for the sisters at the Villa and the whole HM community. These young women learned the subtle lessons of developing trust in the slow, steady work of God in them,” said Sister Cheryl.

“Not only did they learn more about who God is and about how God works in them and in the world, but they came to new insights and understandings of who they really are,” Sister Toby said. “When they began, it seemed that the year would be endless in their minds and in ours, and yet, we were constantly surprised at how rapidly this graced time was moving.”

Eilis McCulloh, one of the live-in participants, greatly benefited from her experience. “Deciding to participate in the live-in portion of JOY was, in all actuality, deciding that from here on out my life would never be the same,” she said. “JOY gave me the opportunity to learn more about myself and God through a routine of work, prayer, and study. Each week, we had the opportunity to learn from various Sisters about topics like Catholic Social Teaching, Mission, and Spirituality. I know that these lessons influence the way I go about my work. Through JOY, I met lifelong friends. I know that we look forward to seeing each other each time we meet.”

“Last year we began the first Quarterly Intensive with twelve women with diverse ages traveling from as far away as Connecticut,” said Sister Cheryl. “We were surprised that the weekend seemed to be the right length of time to allow people to immerse themselves in the prayer and content offered, and at how participants longed for the next meeting time. It was no surprise that the women asked for another year, which gave rise to “One More Year” (OMY).”

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Debra Krummel, an HM Associate, drove from Cincinnati to participate in both JOY and OMY. “It was challenging to make the time, but I think that the commitment of time was really important to me. It’s a different experience from a retreat. If you have a desire to be close to God and learn more about yourself, it really helps you to work on identifying barriers in your relationship with God. You learn about living your life more like Jesus.” Debra said that the opportunity to be in community with other participants and with sisters was a really important element of the program. “It’s hard to find spiritual sisters. You have a partner with whom you check in weekly or bi-weekly. My partner and I have become prayer partners. We talk every Sunday.”

In October 2012 the sisters welcomed thirteen new women to the Just One Year program, and also began a second year (OMY) for the women who wished to continue from the first JOY group. “We have been deeply touched in this experience as well,” said Sister Cheryl. “We are grateful to walk together with the women on their journeys.”

The live-in JOY program begins in September, and the quarterly program begins in October. If you are interested in participating in either JOY program, you may send an email to Sister Cheryl Rose to request information at crose@hmministry.org or call 440-356-6130.
COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Sister Barbara O’Donnell was a panel member at Walsh University in North Canton to discuss horizontal hydraulic fracturing for oil and natural gas. She spoke from a theological and spiritual perspective which she named, A Discernment of Consequences.

Congratulations to Sister Elaine Schindler, who received the “Manifesting the Kingdom” award at Mass on January 27 at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh, PA. The award is given annually to religious and lay women and men who have shown the light of Christ through exceptional service to the church in their lives, ministries and works. Sister Elaine, a residential counselor at the Girls Hope of Pittsburgh Baden House, was nominated by the Sisters of the Humility of Mary Congregation, for her dedication and commitment to youth in the Pittsburgh area.

Sister Elaine Wellinger received a plaque in honor of the years that she served on the Board of Neighborhood Family Practice in Cleveland, OH. Neighborhood Family Practice is dedicated to helping poor women and children with medical issues. Since NFP was the recipient of a Jubilee grant from the Humility of Mary Sisters, they were able to open a medical clinic for poor women and children in the Tremont area of Cleveland.

Lourdes Academy Reunion

The Lourdes Academy Reunion will be held Sunday afternoon, September 8, 2013 at Magnificat High School in Rocky River, Ohio. Invitations will be mailed in June and information will be posted on our website as it is available.

On October 25, 2012, Sister Mildred Ely received the 2012 Dee Elias Award for Outstanding Community Service at the Help Hotline Crisis Center’s annual banquet. The award is in memory of Dolores M. Elias (Dee), Executive Director of Help Hotline from 1976-1990. The mission of Help Hotline Crisis Center is “to provide crisis intervention, suicide prevention and intervention, referrals, support services and counseling services to persons experiencing mental health related and/or situational problems.”

The eighth graders at San Xavier Mission School in Tucson, AZ took part in the online Stock Market Game, competing with others in the state of Arizona. The game provides each team with $100,000 of credit to invest, and the game is programmed to connect to the actual workings of the stock market. The students spend weeks researching companies, compiling their theses, contemplating the diversity of purchases, and discussing purchases with their teammates. Once their stocks are purchased, each investor tracks the daily progress of the stock, and learns to balance their account money. The students, from the Tohono O’odham and Pascua Yaqui Nations, were actively engaged in the game, asked critical questions, and were very successful in their project, ending in the top 5 and top 12. Congratulations to team members Estevan Alvarez, Joseph Garcia, Joshua Preston, and Katelynn Valenzuela, as well as their math teacher, Sister Janet Burkhart for a job well done.

 Did you know?

On June 19, 2012 St. John the Baptist Church in Canton, Ohio, was elevated to a Basilica by the Vatican. It is the oldest Catholic parish in northeastern Ohio. Many HM sisters came from St. John’s or taught there over its very long history. Visit www.stjohnncanton.com for more information.
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 listed on website.

**Villa Land Retreat – “The Spirit of the Land”**
**Presenters:** Sister Barbara O’Donnell and Frank Romeo
**Tuesday-Saturday, August 13-17, 2013**
**Time:** 7:00 p.m. Tuesday-1:00 p.m. Saturday
**Cost:** $275 (Includes: Program, Lodging, and Meals from Pizza Supper on Tuesday to Lunch on Saturday)
**Registration deadline: Tuesday, July 30, 2013**

In a contemplative spirit, explore the Villa grounds as God’s gift. Learn more about the history of the land and the health of soil for healthy food. Experience connections between humus and humility. Presentations, discussion, land tours, personal reflection, and ritual are included.

**The Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities in Light of Catholic Social Teaching**
**Presenter:** Richard D. Clark, Ph.D.
**Saturday, September 28, 2013**
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
**Cost:** $7; Optional lunch an additional $5 (A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the InterReligious Task Force in Cleveland)

Established in 2005, Genocide Intervention Network was mobilized to create a permanent anti-genocide constituency committed to stopping the worst atrocities around the world. Despite common beliefs, genocides/mass atrocities are still occurring. Constituent pressure can make genocide prevention an important and relevant political priority for elected officials and policymakers. Drawing on Catholic Social Teaching, this program focuses on how working together people can prevent genocide/mass atrocities.

Richard D. Clark, Ph.D. is the Director of the Peace, Justice and Human Rights Program at John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio near Cleveland.

**Praying as Truth-Telling**
**Director:** William Barry, SJ
**Sunday-Friday, October 6-11, 2013**
**Time:** 7:00 p.m. Sunday-10:00 a.m. Friday
**Cost:** $375 (Includes: Retreat, Lodging & Meals from Pizza Supper on Sunday to Breakfast on Friday)
**Registration deadline: Friday, September 20, 2013**

Retreat conferences concentrating on telling God the truth about our thoughts and feelings and thus growing in friendship with God and becoming, in the process, a part of the solution for the problems of our world. Ample time will be provided for quiet reflection and integration.

Father Barry entered the Society of Jesus in 1950 and was ordained in 1962 he earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan in 1968. He has taught at the University of Michigan, Weston Jesuit School of Theology, and Boston College. Presently, he resides at Campion Center where he is co-director of a nine month Jesuit Tertianship Program and gives retreats and spiritual direction. He is the author or co-author of 15 books, including *The Practice of Spiritual Direction, God and You, Finding God in All Things, Spiritual Direction and the Encounter with God, Who Do You Say I Am?, With An Everlasting Love,* and *Contemplatives in Action.*

**Holiness is Wholeness**
**Presenter:** Melannie Svoboda, SND
**Friday-Sunday, November 1-3, 2013**
**Time:** 7:00 p.m. Friday – 10:00 a.m. Sunday
**Cost:** $175 (Includes: Program, Lodging, Meals from Pizza Supper on Friday to Breakfast on Sunday)
**Registration deadline: Friday, October 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 has been a Sister of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio for 47 years. She gives talks and retreats nationally and is the author of eleven books.

**What On Earth is Discipleship Today?**
**Presenter:** Anthony J. Gittins, CSSp., Ph.D.
**Friday-Saturday, December 6-7, 2013**

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. But the essence of Christianity is discipleship. We will explore what it means for us today, in our own particular circumstances. Please bring a Bible, especially a copy of the New Testament.
In Loving Memory

Sister Lucille Spirek, formerly Sister Mary Arnold, died Friday, October 12, 2012 at Villa Maria Community Center. She was born March 21, 1929 in Cleveland, Ohio to Francis and Cecelia (Hasek) Spirek. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Frank J. Spirek. She is survived by two nieces and a nephew and their families, as well as her sisters in the Humility of Mary Congregation.

Sister Lucille graduated in 1947 from Lourdes Academy in Cleveland, Ohio. She entered the Sisters of the Humility of Mary on January 15, 1948. Sister Lucille earned her A.B. in Elementary Education in 1972 from Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio.

Sister Lucille began her 41 years of ministry at Villa Maria Community Center where she was in charge of the Villa Maria Farm, as well as the Meat House. She was also a driver for the convent. Sister Lucille spent 23 years in the ministry of education as a teacher at Mt. Pleasant Catholic Elementary Education Center, Cleveland; St. Martha, Akron; and St. Barbara, Massillon. She also served as principal at St. Paul, Salem and Sts. Philip and James, Cleveland. Sister Lucille returned to Villa Maria Community Center in 1995 to share her talents and skills as a craftsperson. She participated in the Ministry of Prayer until her death.

See Sister Lucille Spirek’s complete tribute at www.humilityofmary.org/hm-news.html.

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Helen Neri Kalt with her boys, Bill and Jack

later promoted to the engineering department. And when Bill began his own successful business, Helen was there to see it.

Helen passed away in 1972 at the age of 57. “She lived as a Catholic and she died as a Catholic,” Jeanne said. “That was very important to her.” Her sister, Louise, passed away two years later.

But the HM connection did not end there. Jeanne’s youngest sister went to the brand new Magnificat High School. Bill and Jeanne’s son, Joe, went to Ignatius, then on to Dayton where he earned his degree in Engineering and came back to run the family business. Their daughters attended Magnificat, continuing the family connection with the HM Sisters.

It was the memory of Helen and the intertwining of Jeanne and Bill’s lives with the HM community that prompted them to make a significant gift in Helen’s memory. “The sisters and the education she received meant so much to her,” Jeanne said. “The HM Sisters have continued to be part of our lives for generations. We have been blessed and we wanted to remember Helen this way.” The gift will be used in the renovation of Villa Maria High School into private rooms that will be used by those who come to the Villa on retreat.

The little girl who came to the Villa, which became her home so many years ago, will be remembered here for many years to come. Welcome home, Helen.
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For more information: 724.964.8920, ext. 3348 or kperry@humilityofmary.org

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