A Message from the Provincial

Dear Friends,

In our recent issues of this newsletter, we have been highlighting the many ministries in which our Sisters and Associates are involved. We continue in this month’s issue as we feature Sisters who work with other religious communities, and some of our “retired” Sisters and their ministries. We may be getting older, but our desire to share our charism of compassionate presence with those with whom we live and work, is still going strong. The Sisters featured in this edition all continue to make the Servite presence known, and we’re proud of what they do.

Congratulations to our Jubilarians, Sr. Anne Mercier and Sr. Suzanne Vandenheede. Their years of dedicated service have been an inspiration to all of us. Sr. Florence Brinker, who would have celebrated her 75th Jubilee, passed away in April. We remember her in prayer along with our Sisters whom we have shared vowed membership and who now celebrate God’s faithfulness in eternity. Normally we celebrate Jubilees in October. With only two Jubilarians in this group, we decided to have the Jubilee Mass and luncheon at the end of our Provincial Chapter meeting so the whole community could celebrate with them.

Speaking of Provincial Chapter, we will be gathering for this event from July 5-9 then celebrating Jubilees on the 10th. Our Constitutions state that the purpose of a Provincial Chapter is to promote the spiritual and apostolic vitality of the province. We also evaluate the financial state of the province and do strategic planning for our future. This time we will be addressing the issues of health care, membership and government. We have spent the past year studying and talking about each of these topics in small groups around the country. The Chapter allows us the opportunity to come together as a total group to continue our discussions and come to consensus about what our future plans will be. Dealing with these internal issues can help us continue our mission and live out our charism. We do so by “...planning for the future, bearing in mind the needs of the Church, the nature of our Congregation, and the personnel and potential of the province...” (Constitutions 137) We count on your prayers with and for us as we prepare for and work together at this meeting.

God bless us all!

Sr. Mary

(top) Sr. Ginny Silvestri, OSM, on the left, and Sr. Pat Guzlec, RSM toast each other with their community coffee mugs.
(left) Sr. Mary Clare Walling, OSM, left, retired to part time ministry in the Senior Companion Program.
(right) Srs. Suzanne Vandenheede, OSM, left, and Anne Mercier, OSM celebrate their Jubilees on July 10, 2012.
Jubilee Celebration

Servants of Mary will celebrate Jubilees on Tuesday, July 10, 2012. Sisters, Associates, family and friends will gather for Mass at the Motherhouse and a luncheon at Marian High School. This year’s Jubilee celebration will be held in conjunction with the Servants of Mary 2012 Provincial Chapter.

Sr. M. Anne Mercier, OSM
70 Years
Native of: St. Anselme, Quebec, Canada
Teacher: Immaculate Conception, Sioux City, IA; St. Mary, Holy Family High, Massena, NY; Holy Name, Omaha, NE; Immaculate Conception, Cherokee, IA; St. John Berchmans, Detroit, MI
Pastoral Minister: St. Gregory, Newberry, MI; St. Francis de Sales, Tucson, AZ; St. Paul, Clifton, NJ; St. Joseph, Carteret, NJ
Community Service: Translator/Interpreter/Archivist, Servants of Mary Generalate, Rome, Italy; Development Office Volunteer, Omaha (current ministry)

Sr. M. Suzanne Vandenheede, OSM
60 Years
Native of: Detroit, MI
Teacher: Holy Name, Christ the King, Marian High School, Omaha, NE; Holy Family High, Massena, NY
Community Minister: Marian High School, Omaha, NE
Principal/Teacher: St. Joseph, Salix, IA
Principal: Immaculate Conception, Sioux City, IA; St. James/Seton, Omaha, NE
Community Service: Servants of Mary Motherhouse Coordinator, Provincial Councilor; Servite Center of Compassion Minister (current ministry)
Chaplain: Immanuel Medical Center, Children’s Hospital, Omaha, NE

We invite you to celebrate these women with a card shower. They would love to hear from you! E-cards may be sent to osmdev@osms.org. Remember to include the name of the Jubilarian. Mail cards to the Jubilarian in care of Servants of Mary, 7400 Military Avenue, Omaha, NE 68134.

In Memorium

Sr. M. Florence Brinker, OSM
1919-2012

Sr. Florence Brinker, OSM entered eternal life on April 3 at Our Lady of Sorrows Motherhouse in Omaha. Sister would have celebrated her 75th Jubilee as Servant of Mary this summer. Sr. Flo taught and/or served as librarian in schools in Illinois, New York, Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado. She also served as a pastoral minister in a rural Nebraska parish for 15 years. From there she served in a similar position at Marian High School in Omaha for over 10 years prior to her retirement. Sr. Flo loved and was loved by many, many people. It’s fitting that one of her favorite scripture passages was “I have loved you with an everlasting love, so I am constant in my affection for you.” (Jeremiah 31:3) Sister indeed was loved by God and for 75 years returned that love by living out the charism of the Servants of Mary, and for this we have been blessed.

Sr. Mary Gehringer, OSM
New Associates Answer the Call to Compassion

Associates are men and women who have a relationship with the Servants of Mary and a desire to share the Servite charism of compassion. Becoming an Associate includes shared prayers, community and ministry experiences, and is formalized after a period of discernment. The Servants of Mary welcome Kris Admire, Barbara Sawatzki, Jerry Sawatzki and Liz Schade who became Associates this year.

As a healthcare worker, the Servants of Mary’s call and commitment to Compassion, resonates deep within me.

As an Associate, I welcome the opportunity to broaden my understanding of women in religious life and growing in my relationship with Jesus Christ.

I look forward to being part of a community where I can give and receive support and friendship. I will enjoy sharing my professional skills in healthcare, business and writing along with my personal interests in animals, music, gardening and the outdoors.

Kris Admire

We were first introduced to the Servites through Sister Eileen Lantzy many years ago; and who would have thought then that our spiritual journey would someday lead to our becoming Associates.

Our souls were becoming stagnant for a couple of years, and we were in great need of spiritual renewal. Then we met Sr. Lisa who gave us a pamphlet that explained the Servite Associate Program. During the formation time we realized that this was indeed where God was leading us, and we have attended many of the inspiring events at the Servite Center of Compassion.

Barb & Jerry Sawatzki

I immediately felt a kinship when I attended a Servants of Mary retreat, and I resonated with the Servite charism. As an Associate I want to share that charism through my work in the parish – to show new parents at the Baptism preparation compassion and encourage them to give their child a solid foundation in God, to bring our parish together as a loving and caring family through the Stewardship Committee, to share with whomever I meet that Servite charism of being compassionate and empathetic to all. God has always worked in my life, even when my faith wasn’t very strong and I certainly didn’t deserve it. He has given me wonderful gifts. God is good indeed.

For my covenant ceremony, I chose a reading from Philippians: “Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upward to receive in Christ Jesus. Meanwhile, let us go forward on the road that has brought us to where we are.” (Phil 3: 12, 14-16)

I have much to do and to share before winning this race of life. I hope to never stop growing and learning. As an Associate of the Servants of Mary, I will attend as many Chapters as possible, be an active participant in the program, share my ideas at the meetings, and show compassion and support by praying for the Sisters and for those who ask for our prayer. This program is truly one of God’s gifts to me, and I feel honored to be a Servants of Mary Associate.

Liz Schade

Friends Program Invites All

The Servants of Mary have been blessed with many faithful and caring friends, linked only by love, faith and prayer. “Friends of the Servants of Mary” is a program to extend the Servite charism of compassion and values of prayer, community, and service. There is no obligation to fulfill, no forms to complete. “Friends” are offered opportunities to journey with the Sisters and Associates through shared prayer, activities and events. For more information, contact Sr. Lisa Sheridan, OSM or Loene Herman at the Associate Office, (402) 951-3066 or osmassociates@gmail.com.
Ministry Highlight

Ministry With Other Orders

Throughout the history of the Church, men and women with a desire to dedicate their lives to God separate themselves from society and gather together. Three of our Sisters minister with members of other religious orders and have a unique opportunity to compare and contrast their orders.

“The Congregation of Christian Brothers of Ireland and the Servants of Mary have similar histories in that both orders grew up around the need for education for the poor.” Sr. Paulette Labbe, OSM (Sr. M. Pierre) does Accounts Payable in the Business Office of Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. The school was founded by the Christian Brothers. Their ministry continues to serve youth and includes education, “youth ministry, adult education and other ministries that bring us into contact with Christ present in the world.” (from www.cfcvocations.org) The school staff reflects that presence as they witness their faith. “Servite Compassionate Presence is not always easy, especially in a busy Business Office. You sometimes need to make a conscious effort to be available. When a student or staff member needs something, you have to respond. I am also present at school events like the monthly Mass, the Seder meal, and the early morning breakfasts. And I offer our St. Peregrine materials to those who are critically ill.”

“It has been a great experience for me to work with three Jesuits who are part of our staff,” says Sr. Kerry Larkin, OSM. “Frs. John Schwantes, Gene Donahue and Tom Schloemer witness daily to their personal commitment to prayer, community and a strong identity with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This has helped me grow in my own understanding and appreciation of what it means to be a Servant of Mary, especially when I reflect on how Mary experienced many sorrows throughout her life. Many people who come here for a retreat are wounded in various ways. Yet because of their faith and trust in God, they are able to move forward.” Sr. Kerry is the Associate Director at the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. “Each day offers me the opportunity to be a compassionate presence for others strengthened by my own belief and trust in God.”

Preached Retreats are scheduled every week from September through May. Sister is responsible for working with the kitchen staff and front office staff. Sr. Kerry usually leads two or three of the preached retreats per year herself. Sister is responsible for all six Directed Retreats during the summer.

“It is a challenge to be so far away from the Servite community.” Sr. Kerry is the only Servite Sister in Wisconsin. “I try to stay connected through phone calls, email and Skype. I am looking forward to being with the community at the Provincial Chapter in July.”

Sr. Ginny Silvestri, OSM (Sr. M. Renee) ministers with Sisters of Mercy. “Aspects of ministry, mission, prayer life and life styles in our two communities are basically the same. There is a big difference in numbers – 81 Servants of Mary, 165 Sisters of Mercy in Omaha with 750 in their West Midwest Region. Each order has its own history and own mission. History of the Sisters of Mercy included health care ministry and the opening of hospitals, while for Servants of Mary it was teaching ministry and the opening of schools.”

Sister Ginny is the Pastoral Care Coordinator at Mercy Villa, a retirement facility for Sisters of Mercy. She is “on call” to be with a Sister whenever necessary. Sr. Ginny’s tasks include accompanying Sisters on trips to the hospital, preparing retreats, prayer services and funerals. She also communicates regularly with the residents about their needs, their health, etc. In general, she works with a team of five other managers. “The part of the job I like best is relating to the Sisters and staff. I have also enjoyed getting to know the Sisters of Mercy better. I hope my position here has been enriching for both the Servites and Sisters of Mercy.”
Compassionate Presence Through Retirement Years

The Servants of Mary carry their commitment to compassionate presence with them all their lives – even into retirement to part-time ministry.

Sr. Elaine Hartnett, OSM was offered a contingent position in hospice ministry when she retired in 2008 from her full-time ministry in Detroit’s Henry Ford Health System. “I have continued as a grief counselor in our Bereavement Program. I facilitate a monthly bereavement support group meeting, three times a year I teach a six-week grief education class, and I offer grief counseling to the women of Heartline, Inc., Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. I also meet with people on an individual basis. Several months after I retired, I was offered a position as Chaplain in another Henry Ford program, PACE. This program provides the kind of care that seniors need to stay in their own homes. I visit with people and share prayer at their home as well as at the center where people come for the day care program and/or to visit the clinic. Once a month, I have a prayer group for individuals in the beginning dementia program. And once a month I bring our dog, Kelly, to visit. She is a perfect visiting dog and is so well loved that she is greeted before I am. If she could drive, I wouldn’t have to go.”

Caring Connection, a newsletter for people in grief, is part of the Servants of Mary St. Peregrine ministry. This monthly publication was developed by Sr. Elaine and is now in its twelfth year.

Sr. Elaine also volunteers in a Capuchin sponsored program that helps men get their lives back in order. “Many volunteers help in the program, and I have done so from the beginning. Three years ago I invited some of the women volunteers to join a women’s prayer group. We meet once a month and this has been a very enriching experience for all of us.”

Sr. Mary Clare Walling, OSM (Sr. Mary Imelda) continues her ministry of compassion in the Senior Companion Program. “This program helps the elderly remain in their homes as long as possible. I visit my twelve clients in Le Mars and Remsen, Iowa, whose ages range from 70-96.” Sister will be 81 herself this year. Besides providing companionship through visiting, playing cards or games, she provides transportation to appointments, stores or social events and helps with light household tasks. “I receive as much or more than I give to my Senior Companions!” In her spare time, Sr. Mary Clare enjoys listening to country music and line-dancing.

Sr. Iris Deprez, OSM greets Arnold, one of her “regulars,” at the Information Desk of Creighton Research Hospital in Omaha.

“I work at Creighton Research Hospital on Monday and Thursday mornings at the Information Desk. I answer questions, give directions, and sign in visitors,” says Sr. Iris Deprez, OSM (Sr. M. Gerald.) “The majority of people who come are very poor, and often, very poor in spirit. It is nice to be able to chat with them a bit, offer them a big smile, and sometimes a promise of prayer when they have shared a problem or concern. Several of the homeless who come in regularly now wave and smile at me and wish me...”
Sr. Iris’ ministry as a Servant of Mary has included 18 years of teaching, 18 years as Director of Religious Education, a year as Motherhouse Coordinator, ten years in Adult Faith Formation and five years as the Director of Development for the Servants of Mary. “On Tuesdays, I facilitate a Scripture Class at St. Leo’s Parish. The people who attend the classes are very excited to learn, and we have a good time together. This is my third year in this ministry.” Occasionally, Sr. Iris will fill in for Sr. Leo’s receptionist on her day off. “I also help at the Motherhouse by driving Sisters to appointments or wherever they need or want to go, and I visit the Sisters who can’t get around, and sometimes read to them.” When Sister Iris finally takes a few moments for herself, she enjoys playing cards, reading, and watching TV.

Sr. Carolyn Foley, OSM (Sr. M. Rebecca) ministered in education for the last 57 years, primarily in Omaha (Christ the King, Holy Name, St. Pius X, Marian and Mt. Michael Benedictine.) She recently retired from full time ministry, has moved to the Motherhouse, and now serves the community as Motherhouse Minister. “I am available to drive when needed and assist in projects around the Motherhouse. Above all, I strive to be a Compassionate Presence to our Sisters, employees and visitors. I visit with the Sisters and share their memories of the past, their ailments, their hopes and fears of the future. I accompany Sisters to their medical appointments and during health emergencies. Working with and ministering to our own Sisters is a new source of giving back to the Lord the gifts He has given to me.” During her spare time, Sr. Carolyn loves to read and visit with her friends and family.

Sr. Karen Brown, OSM (Sr. M. Claudia) began her ministry as the Servants of Mary Motherhouse Administrator last year. Sister Karen recently retired after 27 years from ministry in Jamaica. As Motherhouse Administrator, her responsibilities include assisting the 33 Sisters in residence and supervising reception, housekeeping, maintenance and dining service personnel. “I am on call 24/7 for the Sisters, hospitality mostly, with some driving, shopping, filling in for nurses, sitting with someone, or visiting Sisters at Immanuel Fontenelle. I try to see and uncover the gifts that each Sister can share with others. Some share with a smile, others with encouragement. It is also important to acknowledge the gifts of others.”

The Motherhouse is filled with activity. Sr. Karen and her staff are kept busy assisting the Sisters and maintaining the building. Spring cleaning took weeks. The Motherhouse Retreat for the summer needed a retreat leader booked. Every day offers challenges and blessings. “Last fall, when Chris Cerveny retired from her position as Motherhouse Administrator, we had a farewell reception for her. She had lost her husband in the spring, so it was an opportunity to stand with her with respect and compassion, as well as thank her for all she did for us.” Just before Christmas last year, one of the staff members, June Curtis, lost her mother and home in a devastating fire. “Response from all Sisters and staff was immediate. People couldn’t be more concerned or want to do enough.”

Life for the Servite community in Omaha centers around its Motherhouse. Over a third of the Sisters in the American Province live and minister in the building. Offices of the Provincial, her staff and the Servite Center of Compassion are also located in the Motherhouse.

In our next issue of DISCOVER, our update on Sisters in retirement will continue with more Sisters ministering in the Motherhouse community.
Development News  by Maria Marasco Farrell, Director of Development

2012 Omaha Servite Partnership Award

The Servants of Mary have had the opportunity to partner with so many wonderful individuals, families and businesses throughout our history. It is through their generosity, that we are able to carry out our charism to be a compassionate presence in the spirit of Mary.

The 2012 recipient of the Omaha Servite Partnership Award is Dr. Richard Fitzgerald. For over 25 years, Dr. Fitzgerald has provided what some of the Sisters have described as “the most compassionate dental care one could ever receive!” A graduate of Holy Name in Omaha, NE, Dr. Fitzgerald was taught by many Servants of Mary. He received his Doctorate of Dental Science from Creighton University School of Dentistry in 1970.

This annual event, benefitting the Servants of Mary, offers an opportunity to publicly recognize and thank our partners for sharing their expertise with us over the years. We hope you’ll join us for an evening of celebration on September 6th at the Omaha Country Club.

Social Media

Some may wonder why the Servants of Mary are embracing social media with a frenzy. Simply put, it’s an excellent way to further our mission and to stay in closer contact with our families, friends and benefactors while reaching a new audience. Recent research indicates the fastest growing number of Americans using Facebook are over the age of 50, YouTube has over 5 billion video clips per day and Twitter has over 175 million registered users. The numbers continue to grow at an astronomical pace.

In the last issue of DISCOVER, we invited you to visit our new and improved website at www.osms.org. We hope you found it easier to navigate, and that you are enjoying the “Servite News” and “Servite Spotlights.” Now we invite you to follow the Servite Center of Compassion on Facebook. Our goal is to have you “like” us and encourage others to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities and services offered through the Center. We continue to hone our skills, and it won’t be long before we are tweeting on Twitter and getting connected on LinkedIn.

We thank you for your prayers and financial support. For information on gift giving opportunities, please contact Maria Marasco Farrell at 402.951.3060, osmdev@osms.org or visit the website (www.osms.org) and click on “Contribute to Our Mission.”

Memorials

Our lives are filled with family and friends that we want to recognize in a special way or remember with a lasting tribute. The Servants of Mary offer both a memorial and honors programs.

Memorials are made to commemorate the lives of loved ones that have passed away. Many times, families will make a donation to the Servants of Mary to be used for a particular need. Some will purchase an item that is a permanent memorial of their loved one, such as the new glider in the Healing Garden.

An honor is a gift made to recognize a living person or special event in someone’s life. It could be to mark an anniversary, a birthday, a marriage or in thanksgiving of a special person.

For more information on our Memorial and Honors Programs, please contact Maria Marasco Farrell at 402.951.3060 or osmdev@osms.org.

Dolores O’Brien and Denise McCoy relax on the new bench they donated in memory of Kathleen O’Brien.
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**Maria Marasco Farrell, Director of Development, center, often holds “card parties” to prepare mailings. Srs. Lucy Bottosto, left, and Mary Stephen Durant, right, gather in the Servite Center with other Sisters and staff to help with the cards and to enjoy the “party.”**
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Servants of Mary Meet for Provincial Chapter

The Servants of Mary will meet this summer, July 5 - 10, for a Provincial Chapter. Members of the community will discuss the spiritual, apostolic and financial state of the community and plan for the future. As they prepare for their meeting, they ask for your prayers.

2012 Provincial Chapter Prayer

Compassionate and Loving God,
We lift up our hearts in gratitude to You,
for the abundant gifts and blessings you have given us.

Soon we will be gathering for our Provincial Chapter,
to share information, to assess who we are,
to recommit ourselves,
to bond with one another once again,
to act passionately, embracing our future.

We ask for the grace to be open to all of the unknowns.
We ask for help in decision making and envisioning.
We ask for guidance as we continue to be of service.
We ask for freedom to let go and embrace.

Believing that Mary, our Mother, walks with us always,
and recognizing the Spirit is within each of us,
we rejoice that we are not alone in our quest.

Embracing our Future,
may this Chapter bring us new life, new hope,
new vision, new trust, new direction.
Blessed and beautiful are You, Source of All Life.