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Cover photo: Sr. Domitilla Peterschmidt consoles some children that had just lost their homes in a fire.
Dear Friends,

“There are no strangers here; only friends you haven’t met.” The features in this issue of On the Journey bring to mind this quip of uncertain origin.

In these pages, you will read of our Sisters’ initial journey to Peru, where seeming strangers soon became friends. Despite the Sisters’ early difficulty with the language, the people of Peru welcomed them warmly. During the sixty years that our Sisters have served in Peru, many friendships developed and deepened. We are extremely happy that two of those friends now are our Sisters: Sister Rosa María Ludeña Córdova and Sister María Luz Mejía Vásquez. While all of our U.S. born Sisters have returned from Peru, Sister Rosa María continues to live our mission of reconciliation among the people of her homeland, and Sister María Luz currently serves with our Sisters in Bolivia.

Other friends that you will read about in this magazine are the twenty-six women who made a commitment on September 8, 2017, to become CPPS Partners in Mission. They join seventy-two women and men who became Partners in prior years, bringing the total of these friends to ninety-eight. Partners in Mission are laypersons who, like our Sisters, strive to bring Christ’s reconciling presence to all those they encounter in their daily lives. We give thanks for their friendship and their partnership.

Many friends joined us at the Cardinals’ game this summer. Please see page 11 for some photos of this fun evening. We are deeply grateful for all who supported this event and the countless persons whose prayer, donations and volunteer service are wonderful evidence of friendship. Our accountability report on page 10 shows the impact of your financial assistance.

Indeed, we “are strangers and aliens no longer. No, [we all] are fellow citizens of the saints and members of the household of God.” Ephesians 2:19

Thank you for being part of our family of friends!

Sincerely,

Sr. Janice Bader
In September 10, 2017, twenty-six women made their first commitment to the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood by becoming Partners In Mission. That brings the total number of Partners to 98.

The CPPS Partners in Mission are Christian women and men who form a relationship with the community of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O’Fallon. Being a partner provides an opportunity to share in the mission of the Sisters, while also maintaining an individual living and working situation.

For more information about Partners in Mission please contact Debbie Whited at (636) 542-9479 or dwhited@cpps-ofallon.org.

Who Are CPPS Partners In Mission?

CPPS Partners in Mission, together with the Sisters, acknowledge a common call in Baptism to live the Gospel. They:

- live the charism of reconciliation in their daily lives, work and ministry
- gather monthly in a small faith community
  - to deepen a relationship with God
  - to develop relationships with one another
  - to deepen a relationship with the congregation
- are women or men at least 18 years of age, lay or clergy, married or single
- are from a variety of Christian faith traditions
- make a commitment during a prayer service after the time of exploration, prayer, study, faith sharing, and enrichment.
Congratulations to Carol Pellegrin, who was honored for her 25 years as a Partner in Mission. She is pictured with her husband, Paul, who is also a Partner.

New Partners In Mission

Julie Bartch  Ann McNally
Jill Berry  Robbi Norcia
Sharon Bollinger  Carol Oldendorf
Kathi Broughton  Mary Jo Orlando
Karen Cella  Shari Plankenhorn
Cathy Cordonier  Pat Scharr
Collen Curran Schulte  Brenda Schmidt
Jean Douglas  Chris Shields
BJ Ellison  Blandine Stanowski
Cleo Hubert  Daphne Wieser
Alberta Iffrig  Mary Jo Williams
Margie Joynson  Mary Jo Williams
Kim Lawry  Mary Zoellner

Partners In Mission commitment:
Responding to an invitation from God expressed through the community of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O’Fallon, Missouri, I promise to strive to bring Christ’s reconciling presence to those I encounter in my daily life. I will carry on the legacy of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood by deepening my relationship with God, other Partners, and the Community to heal our broken world.
On September 13, 2017, the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood celebrated their 60th Anniversary of their mission foundation in Peru. In 1956 Pope Pius XII requested that all U.S. religious communities send members to mission countries. At the same time the Maryknoll priests were searching for a community of Sisters to staff a parish school in Lima, Peru. Sr. Lorenza Holtman, superior general, asked the congregation for volunteers and the response was great. Therefore, on August 30, 1957, Sisters Mary Fulgence Rascher, Agatha Marie Hanneken, and Mary Kevin (Doris) Rechtiene set sail from New York on the Santa Maria. The Sisters arrived on September 13th, 1957, on Latin American soil.

Since 1957 many Precious Blood Sisters have been Christ’s reconciling presence among the people of Latin America. They ministered in areas including: education, pastoral ministry, health care, parish school of religion, sewing co-ops, and formation for religious life. The Sisters worked tirelessly with the indigenous people and always with a thrust toward empowering them. Please help join the Sisters in thanking God for His many gifts and graces over the past 60 years of their Presence in Latin America.

The second group of Sisters to travel to Peru, in front of the Santa Maria: Sr. Christine Foeller, Sr. John Bosco Sanders, Sr. Josepha Bauer, and Sr. Christine Foeller.
Members who served in Peru

Sr. Josepha Bauer  Sr. Agatha Marie Hanneken  Sr. Mary Bernard Rechtiene
Sr. Carol Boschert  Sr. Joan Klaas  Sr. Doris Rechtiene
Sr. Renée Brinker  Sr. Bernice Loeffler  Sr. Therese Riewer
Sr. Mary Therese DeMoor  Sr. Rosa Maria Ludena Cordova  Sr. Helene Rueffer
Sr. Bernardine Duenne  Sr. Maria Luz Mejia Vasquez  Sr. Mary Conrad Schnitzmeier
Sr. Mary Catherine Feldewert  Sr. Rose Marie Mersinger  Sr. Paula Stauder
Sr. Christopher Fiala  Sr. Patricia Muller  Sr. Julia Marie Wolf
Sr. Loretta Gosen  Sr. Domitilla Peterschmidt  Marian O’Shea Wernicke
Sr. Olivia Gude  Sr. Bertille Rascher  (former member)
Sr. Albertine Hackman  Sr. Mary Fulgence Rascher
Sr. Doris Rechtiene teaching kindergarten in 1958.

Sr. Carol Boschert – “My favorite thing about my ministry in Peru was the happy and very accepting people.”

Group of First Communicants prepared by our Sisters at Our Lady of Guadalupe School.

Native Peruvian Sr. Rosa Maria Ludeña Córdova is currently living and ministering in her homeland of Peru in Arequipa through parish ministry.

Native Peruvian Sr. María Luz Mejía Vásquez is currently ministering and living in Cochabamba, Bolivia.
Sr. Mary Fulgence with a group of young women preparing for Confirmation.

“I still hear from those that we taught. We went there to teach English – but today they are thanking us not for the English, but for helping them grow in their Christian faith.”
Sr. Josepha Bauer

Sr. Josepha Bauer gets creative with her mode of transportation.
Thank you to our many generous donors who supported the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood and their ministries in the 2016/2017 fiscal year. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. The Sisters would not be able to do their great works if it weren’t for you.

Mission Advancement Office Statement of Accountability

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Thank you to everyone who helped to make our “Night at Busch Stadium” Fundraiser a great success! Many of our friends joined the Sisters for a fun evening of baseball.

Please mark your calendars and join us for our 25th Dinner Auction on Saturday, February 17, 2018, at Old Hickory Country Club.
*If you no longer wish to receive this publication, please call Marcia at 636-240-6010 or email her at mschmitz@cpps-ofallon.org.

Please gather your classmates on Saturday, November 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the International Institute for an Alumnae Brunch. The cost is $35.

Please RSVP to Marcia at mschmitz@cpps-ofallon.org or 636-542-9481.