

Partners on the Journey

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I'd Love to Hear from You!

If you know someone who is curious about Partners in Mission, please let me know. I will be happy to contact them, answer their questions, and explain what we are all about.

Also, if you have an item for the Newsletter, the Communications Committee is always looking for interesting material. Contact Carol Oldendorf or me with your ideas.

Thank you!

Audrey Jungermann

Reconciliation—Deepening our Relationships with God, each other, and our suffering World.

CPPS 2022 Chapter

During the last week of March, 2022, CPPS Chapter Members gathered for five days at Mercy Center in St. Louis in a culmination of months of reflection and focused work to compose a Future Direction Statement and elect the final Leadership Team for the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood.

It was a privilege to be present at Chapter and witness the process as it unfolded. The sisters were very clearly guided by the Spirit as they gave deep consideration to each step involved. The end result is a brilliant Direction Statement and a Leadership Team that will guide the community through the next three years.

The Future Direction Statement reads as follows:

"We, Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, through our prayer and contemplative way of being, live with energy, mutual respect, gratitude, hope and joy.

Conscious that our personal and communal life is limited, precious, and a gift, we

choose to love more deeply.

In this moment of our history, we will give from our vulnerability and our blessedness.

We choose to be Christ's reconciling presence in our increasingly divided world as a witness to Christ's healing love.

We will take risks in whatever circumstances God places in front of us. We do this to accomplish God's mission of bringing love and hope to a suffering interconnected planet."

The sisters elected to Leadership are:

Sr. Janice Bader—Superior General

Sr. Susan Borgel—First Council

Sr. Marie Fennewald—Second Council

Installation of the Leadership Team will be celebrated with a ceremony on July 1.

Congratulations to the Precious Blood Sisters on completion of their historic Chapter! May God continue to bless you abundantly!

-Audrey Jungermann

Sustainability—Carrying the Legacy Forward

The Future Direction Statement chosen by the CPPS Sisters is a powerful reminder to us, their Partners in Mission, to continue being Christ's reconciling presence and to respond to "whatever circumstances God places in front of us."

On page four of this issue, you will find information about ministry opportunities the Sustainability Committee is making available to all Partners.

These are being offered as a way for Partners to join with other Partners, across all Small Faith Communities, in fellowship and service.

If successful, more service projects will be

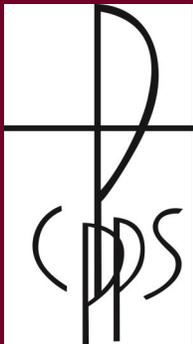
planned. Your ideas for other events of this type are most welcome. You may contact anyone on the Sustainability Committee to give your input. The committee members are:

Patti Belmont, Dawn Boschert, Kris Jackson, Audrey Jungermann, Carol Oldendorf, and Denis Wilhelm.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on more ways to bring Partners together in mission.

Thank you!

-Partners in Mission Sustainability Committee



2022 Jubilarians:

75th

Sr. Mary David Debrecht
Sr. Mary George Hellmann

70th

Sr. Ruth Kertz
Sr. Patricia Muller
Sr. Lorraine Brueggemann
Sr. Renee Brinker
Sr. Clara Therese Ziegler
Sr. Isabella Walsh

60th

Sr. Mary Cecile Gunelson
Sr. Theresa Jezl
Sr. Susan Borgel
Sr. Lucy Meissen
Sr. Marie Orf
Sr. Barbara Rose Koch
Sr. Mary Catherine Feldewert
Sr. Rosa Maria Ludena Cordova
Sr. Fran Raia

50th

Sr. Clare Ann Litteken
Sr. Donna Olson
Sr. Delores Schilli

Congratulations to this year's Jubilarians! What a gift you are to everyone who knows you and whose lives you have touched. May God continue to bless you well!



Happy Feast Day to all Precious Blood Sisters!

"Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted"

-Matthew 13:8-26

Meet Partner in Mission: *Ann Schulte*



On a beautiful Saturday, March 5th, I sat down with Partner in Mission Ann Schulte over breakfast at *First Watch* to interview her for this Summer issue of the Newsletter. What a delightful, faith-filled woman Ann is!

Ann was born Ann Gentemann on June 7th in O'Fallon, Missouri. Ann grew up across the street from the Sisters of The Most Precious Blood convent. The sisters have always been a huge part of Ann's life journey. Ann and her husband were married in Assumption church, the old church, and it was there that they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary before he passed away. Ann and her husband raised five children, all of whom attended Assumption grade school and Saint Dominic High School.

Ann has many fond memories from childhood, growing up across the street from the convent. She attended Assumption grade school and high school and was taught by the sisters from first grade through twelfth grade. Ann remembers roller skating on their sidewalks and sledging into the sunken gardens. She fondly remembers her first grade teacher, Sister M. Evangela, principal of Assumption

High School, Sister M. Pierre (Sr. Millie), Sister M. Clement, her father's cousin, Sister M. Alcuin, Ann's Mother's sister, and Sister M. Pascal Schaeffer. It was Sister Pascal who convinced Ann that she would make a good RCIA team member, and she was a part of the RCIA team at St. Paul for 15 years.

Ann also has fond memories of Sister Elaine Lamb, who coordinated the Day of Prayer at the convent that Ann was part of for ten years, and Sister Kathy Williamson, who coordinated the Personal Enrichment Program with Ann that originated in the basement of the convent. Ann was also a part of Handicaps Encounter Christ, that made a retreat three weekends each year at Pallontine Retreat Center. These retreats, and Ann's other volunteer work, have been very rewarding for her over the span of her adult life.

Ann became a Partner in Mission about two years ago, feeling in her heart that it was time. Ann is a member of *Faith, Hope and Love* Small Faith Community. The Precious Blood Sisters have brought Ann much Joy throughout her life.

-Carol Oldendorf



I was born and raised on a farm in St. Paul, Missouri. I am one of 13 children. In 1957, when I was 18, I entered the convent of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood. I made my first profession on August 10, 1960.

I served the Community for 20 years in the Ecclesiastical Art Department as a hand stitcher, seamstress, machine stitcher, and silk screener. I then went to work at St. Mary's College as an office assistant. When the college closed, I went to work at Garden View Care Center as a receptionist and was in administration for ten years. I did the same job at Twin Oaks for two years. I first taught PSR at Assumption Parish in O'Fallon and then traveled down the road to St. Barnabas to teach for 35

years. Parish work was always very rewarding to me.

Now I enjoy having time to be with the Community for Liturgy celebrations and meetings, which was not possible before. Also, I enjoy being able to spend some of my free time with the other Sisters. I look forward to going outdoors to enjoy all the birds singing, flowers blooming, and bushes coming out with a variety of colors.

I recently joined our Partners in Mission as Sister Mentor to *Stepping Stones* Small Faith Community. Being with these ladies keeps me connected with the needs of families and parish activities. I look forward to our monthly gatherings. I enjoy listening to these wonderful ladies that share our charism of reconciliation in their life in so many ways.

-Sr. Michaleen Vomund

The Partners in Mission Governing Board

Over the past several months, you probably have seen reminders that nominations are being accepted through July 31 for three open seats on the Partners in Mission Governing Board. Maybe you have someone in mind that would be a good candidate for Board service. Maybe you have even considered tossing your own hat into the ring.

If you have been thinking about it at all, you may have questions. You might be wondering what being on the Board actually entails or whether it is right for you. While it is difficult to describe experiences, which are different for everyone, perhaps answers to a few basic questions will be helpful:

"Does serving on the Board require a commitment of my time?" Yes. It does.

"As a Board member, am I be obligated to attend meetings?" Yes. You are.

"Will I be spiritually enriched, develop lasting relationships, deepen my understanding of God's plan for my life?" Yes. You will.

The term for Board service is three years. Each year, three regular meetings are held. Members also participate in two Partner Assemblies and attend two Saturday retreats at Meadowlark Retreat House—a Spiritual Retreat in April for renewal of spirit, and a Planning Retreat in June for establishing the Partners in Mission Direction Statement for the upcoming year. Each Board member also leads one of five committees—Communication (the team that produces this newsletter), Board Formation, Recruitment, Development and Spirituality.

Board service is so much more than just another meeting on the calendar. It is a chance to have your ideas heard and your unique gifts used and appreciated. It is an opportunity to be a blessing and to be blessed. It is also an opportunity to stretch yourself, perhaps discovering a buried talent (such as writing newsletter articles or preparing a Partners activity) that you did not know

you had. Board service also gives you an opportunity to meet and collaborate with Partners outside of your Small Faith Community.

As one of the newer Board members (I was elected in 2021), the experience is rather fresh in my memory. I was persuaded by a former Board member to consider accepting a nomination to the Board. The nomination process is pretty straight-forward—simply express your intent to serve on the Board and your willingness to accept the requirements, then contact Denis Wilhelm or Audrey Jungermann. You will be asked to present a short self-introduction at Assembly Day prior to voting. The results of the election are known pretty quickly and your involvement as a new Board member begins right away—your insights and perspectives as a new member will be just as respected as those of current Board members.

We hope you will give Board service your prayerful consideration. And, even if you do not feel compelled to run for a position yourself, please come and VOTE! Strong voter participation is considered a key indicator of the over-all strength and health of an organization. Your vote truly does count and it does make a difference.

Please keep the Board, its current members, and this year's nominees in your prayers. *We all thank you!*

-Julie Schlichting



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Partners in Mission Summer Picnic



The Sustainability Committee has been busily planning opportunities for Partners in Mission to come together and meet other Partners outside of their own Small Faith Communities.

We think Summertime is a perfect time for a picnic; would you agree?!

Mark your calendars for a Partners in Mission Picnic on Saturday, July 30 at Faust Park in Creve Coeur. We

have the pavilion reserved and are so excited to be able to get together!

Fried chicken, a vegetarian main dish, and drinks will be provided by the Sustainability Committee. All Partners are invited to bring a side dish in quantities large enough to share with a crowd. Invitations with additional information will be e-mailed (and mailed to Partners without e-mail) soon. You will be asked to RSVP to Audrey Jungermann so we have an accurate count of people to plan for.

For history buffs, Faust Park has an area dedicated to historical preservation. You may enjoy touring the buildings that have

been moved to the park and learning something of their origins.

This picnic is also a great opportunity to extend the spirit of "Hospitality Month" by inviting a friend who might like to experience Partners in a fun setting.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone once again! We encourage you to come on out for a day spent taking in park features or simply relaxing under the Pavilion with friends, old and new!

We hope to see you there!

-Kris Jackson

All-Partners Ministry Opportunity

Among Partners in Mission's many wonderful qualities are their large, caring hearts and their willingness to reach out in service to others.

Individually, Small Faith Communities have done some amazing work. Imagine what an impressive difference we could make working together!

At the upcoming September Assembly, the Sustainability Committee will present options of various service projects for ALL PARTNERS to participate in. You will have a chance to vote for one project that serves the St. Louis City area and one that serves St. Charles County. We

will also vote on a date for this "Partners Day of Service" at Assembly.

This is a great chance for Partners to demonstrate their love of God's people in a tangible way. We hope you will be able to attend Assembly Day (look for invitations to be sent soon), give your input, and participate in one of the Service Day projects.

As with the Summer Picnic, we encourage you to share this service opportunity with a friend or two to give them a sense of what Partners in Mission are all about.

-Kris Jackson

CPPS Partners in Mission

Partners in Mission strive to bring Christ's reconciling presence to those we encounter in our daily lives. We seek to carry on the legacy of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood by deepening our relationship with God, each other, and the Community to heal our suffering world.

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