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“To Be...”

# Connections



“I see trees of green, red roses too  
I see them bloom for me and you.  
And I think to myself  
what a wonderful world.

I see skies of blue and  
clouds of white  
The bright blessed day,  
the dark sacred night...”

Chicago's Michigan Avenue



## From the Director

Dear Friends,

This edition of *Connections* takes on greater meaning as we realize how very much we miss our human connection during the pandemic. Our office staff and Sisters have been working from home since March. In the pages that follow, enjoy reading how we have remained engaged and take a look at the many photos showing the variety of masks that are now part of our new normal too. Sadly, we said goodbye to many alumni, friends and family members in recent months as their love of life and memories live on in our hearts.

Earlier in the year we were looking forward to putting on another event in August. By April we knew that the pandemic and mandates for all would alert us to cancel this event. What came through was our recent mailing: **Mission IS Possible** in support of our retired Sisters and help with the care of those in skilled nursing. This will also support our active and supported



*IBVM Development Staff met outside at a recent meeting: Carrie Goodale, Juanita Rea-Dorn, Anne Delaney and Chris Teichler.*

ministries in the future. Please look at our website for more information or to make a donation online: [www.ibvm.us](http://www.ibvm.us)

Thank you for your caring and gracious support that helps us in many ways to share the gospel that enlightens and helps those who are most vulnerable. In our ever-changing world, we are mindful of God's presence in our lives and will continue to reach out to you and keep you abreast of our Loretto IBVM Sister's work and the lives of those we serve.

You are in our Sisters daily prayers of gratitude for your generosity. On behalf of the IBVM Sisters, we pray for your well-being and those you love.

With gratitude,

*Anne Delaney*

Anne Delaney  
Director of Development



## Our Leadership Team



*Our IBVM Leadership Team: Mary Carton, Helen Timothy and Judy Illig.*

In January, the IBVM Generalate in Rome announced a new format of leadership for the US Province. A team of three Sisters was appointed as a Leadership Team for the US REGION. This change of designation – Province to Region – allows us to experiment with structures and policies without constitutional changes. Sisters **Mary Carton, Judy Illig** and **Helen Timothy** form a co-equal team of leaders for the Sisters, ministries and staff.

In the past year Mary retired from her teaching career at St. Patrick Academy in Sacramento. Helen retired as principal of Salpointe Catholic High School in Tucson. Moving to the Chicago area they join Judy, the most recent Province Leader, to form the new Leadership Team. "Co-equal" is something to be experienced and developed over time. These sisters bring a wide variety of skills and different perspectives to the conversation and decisions for our IBVM Sisters and staff and their ministries. They are committed to coming to consensus after prayer and discussion. We have confidence that the Holy Spirit and Mary Ward are guiding them daily.

—Mary Carton, IBVM

## “To Be...” continued from front page

The lyrics of this famous song, sung by Louis Armstrong, are poignant and meaningful today. It was written in 1967, during civil unrest. With all that is happening in our lives as we face the pandemic crisis and recent tensions, perhaps we can see the beauty of our world unfold. Let us take time ‘to be’ and take in what God has created. We will find a new path forward.

Since early March, our cities and states have closed the doors to most daily activities, work and family life. Our Sisters and staff have, like so many others, taken necessary measures to stay in and be well. Sisters living in assisted or senior living communities have sheltered in place and Sisters living alone have stayed home. With great hope and optimism, everyone is doing as best they can. For all of us, missing family and friends has been the greatest challenge. Like some of you, we have formed online book clubs, home gardens, made jigsaw puzzles, cooked more meals and organized our homes.

Our regular staff and development meetings have been Zoomed into our new “home offices.” The physical distancing measures are helping us to meet in very small groups, as necessary. We are wearing face masks and finding the positive in our lives. Using phones, Facetime and Zoom has become part of the new normal. We are staying connected!



*Sr. Dymna Doran works from home in Phoenix.*

Mary Ward lived over 400 years ago, through similar plagues and pandemics, social injustices and ridicule. With her example and strength of character, our IBVM Sisters are following in her footsteps and mission to be the women they are challenged ‘to be’ in this 21st century. We are hopeful that insights gained in these times and faithfulness to Mary Ward’s vision prepare us all to meet the challenges ahead. For now, may we delight in the lyrics of “What a Wonderful World” and, during this time of being, find hope and joy in our world.

Thank you for being part of our world as you have helped us in the past and now, as we navigate through these uncertain times. Our Sisters continue to keep you and your loved ones in their prayers. Be well and take good care ‘to be’ the person that God lovingly created you to be.

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Connection with others through ministries has been powerful and much needed. Since the shut-down began, Sisters Jean Okroi, Arlene Ashack, Nancy Kennelly and Lorna Hays, to name a few, have been ministering to individuals with frequent phone calls to those they help guide and console. Our Development Staff has attempted to make regular thank you phone calls our number one priority. Our Mary Ward Center staff has phoned students, to reinforce the learning that took place earlier in the year. We each carry on our work as best we can.

Beyond the work, we are taking time ‘to be’ – to be aware of our surroundings, our breath, the presence of others, the gifts of the day, the face of Christ in those around us. Taking walks and rediscovering the beauty of our earth, breathing the fresh air, has given many of us time to contemplate. All of this nourishes our souls and affirms God is with us in all we do and experience, no matter the circumstance.



# NEWS FROM MARY WARD CENTER



*Amy Gorman (second from right) teaches a group class at MWC*

For all of us at **Mary Ward Center**, we love the relationships being built and the families and communities being made stronger through empowerment and education.

This has been a very good start to another school year. We ended last year with a discussion of ideas about how to continue to meet the needs of our community with the resources we have available. We decided to add small group classroom learning opportunities in addition to our one-on-one ESL (English as a Second Language) instruction and small group computer and Rosetta Stone classes. Our small group classes have been going amazingly well. We have incorporated tablets into class instruction. The technology and small group learning are encouraging

students to feel more confident to speak English with one another. The sounds of learning and laughter carry throughout the rooms at Mary Ward Center.

The milestones of our students are some of the most rewarding celebrations for all of us. As we continue to walk this journey with them, we become a part of their lives and they become part of ours. We walk together through all of life's challenges and celebrations.

We would love to share Mary Ward Center with you. We are doing the mission of Mary Ward herself in Chicago.

**Marianne Solorio, Director of Mary Ward Center, Chicago** (*this article was written for the MWC Newsletter sent in February before the 'stay at home order' due to the pandemic, and has been edited. During this time, the staff has continued to give instructional & conversation classes by phone.*)

## ON THE BORDER

Late last fall, **Sr. Christa Parra, IBVM**, was notified that a dream of hers was about to come true. She received word from the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters that a generous grant she had applied for was approved. This would provide funding to work at the US/Mexico border for a year in El Paso, Texas. There, Christa would join other vowed women religious in a border ministry of walking with the men, women, and children who came to the US to seek asylum.

She is back in Arizona during this pandemic time but reflects on the months she spent 'walking' with the people there and giving them hope through prayer and presence. Christa shared one of many stories with us recently:

"I was the only volunteer at the port of entry, one day, to set up and welcome our brothers and sisters from the detention centers. Usually, there are a few other people who help as well. While serving coffee, cutting off the paper bracelets, and handing out snacks, a group of students arrived from the US. I welcomed them and began sharing about our ministry. I told them the most important thing we offer them is shoelaces because people arrive without them as they are taken away in the detention centers. As they leave the port of entry without shoelaces, this increases the chances of them being targeted by people who commit crimes against migrants. That day we were out of shoelaces. The students had to leave. They hugged me and gave me the shoelaces that they took out of their own shoes. They left the port of entry shoelace-less and walked in solidarity with our brothers and sisters for the rest of the day. I felt so touched by their simple yet profound act of kindness. The people saw this and came to ask for the shoelaces. I was happy to give them away."

While Christa is home in Phoenix, living with our IBVM Sisters there, the 'shoelace story' was heard by one of the children who attends SS Simon & Jude School. She decided that she would collect shoelaces for Christa. When she returns to El Paso



*Sr. Christa with volunteers at the border.*

soon, she will have a large box of shoelaces with her, plus the support and prayers that she humbly shares.

"There is suffering all around the world as we know so well in this time of pandemic. I think about El Paso/Juarez knowing that the stay at home order means that the already vulnerable asylum seekers will go hungry and struggle for their basic needs to be met," Christa added.

—Anne Delaney



# Tangled Times

One day  
So solitary  
Next day

A tangled mess  
That's what  
Pandemics do

But so much more...

A call to  
Consciousness  
Growing an inward  
awareness

A sensitivity  
To the other  
To meaningful  
community

An outward view  
An evolving sense  
Of global connections

A new world rising?

—Arlene Ashack, IBVM

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interactive website:  
[www.anawimarts.com](http://www.anawimarts.com)**



Anawim Arts Ministry -  
art by Arlene Ashack, IBVM

## Let the Spirit Flow Within

*“He may be clearing you out  
for some new delight.” – Rumi.*

That being true, all I can say is the God of Paradox has an imagination way beyond mine. Amid this world-wide pandemic with all its pain and death, we are being relegated to confinement. It is not hard to take at all when an art studio is close at hand. With the journey outward limited, the journey inward becomes remarkable...heaven and earth coalesce. Creativity overflows.

Paradox that it is though, getting out of the way of self to receive the new delight is the struggle. Hard to let go of control. But this Paradoxical God is a persistent force. What becomes clear is, to use the words of another, “struggle and joy dance together, and Easter breaks through.” Well, maybe not always an “easter”, but for me a painting. God whispers an insight and a painting evolves.

*Tangled Times* was the first art piece born of the pandemic. It was simply an attempt to understand how we go from being such individuals to the entanglement of all. Both the painting and the poem are featured on the website [www.anawimarts.com](http://www.anawimarts.com).

As the confinement continued, and the surrounding nature in my back yard and on a local trail shared its secrets, another painting was born. Its title is “Oneness,” hinting at the interdependence of all. Included in the painting are bits of nature/creation that offered themselves while on my daily walks. The human part of creation is shown by tiny footprints. The next painting is still in the drawing stage ready to be put on the canvas. It will hopefully show the struggle and joy dancing together that was mentioned earlier



and suggest a resurrection, a Phoenix experience.

Besides the studio, a good part of my stay-at-home time is working with the Anawim Art Community and our international IBVM Sisters on the steering committee of the new IBVM Arts Ministry, to gather such experiences as mine.

Please look at this new interactive website: [www.anawimarts.com](http://www.anawimarts.com). As it says there, we invite you “to embrace the vital capacity of art and spirituality to speak to our current situation.” Please look at the poetry, writings, and art pieces presented and consider submitting something yourself.

—Arlene Ashack, IBVM





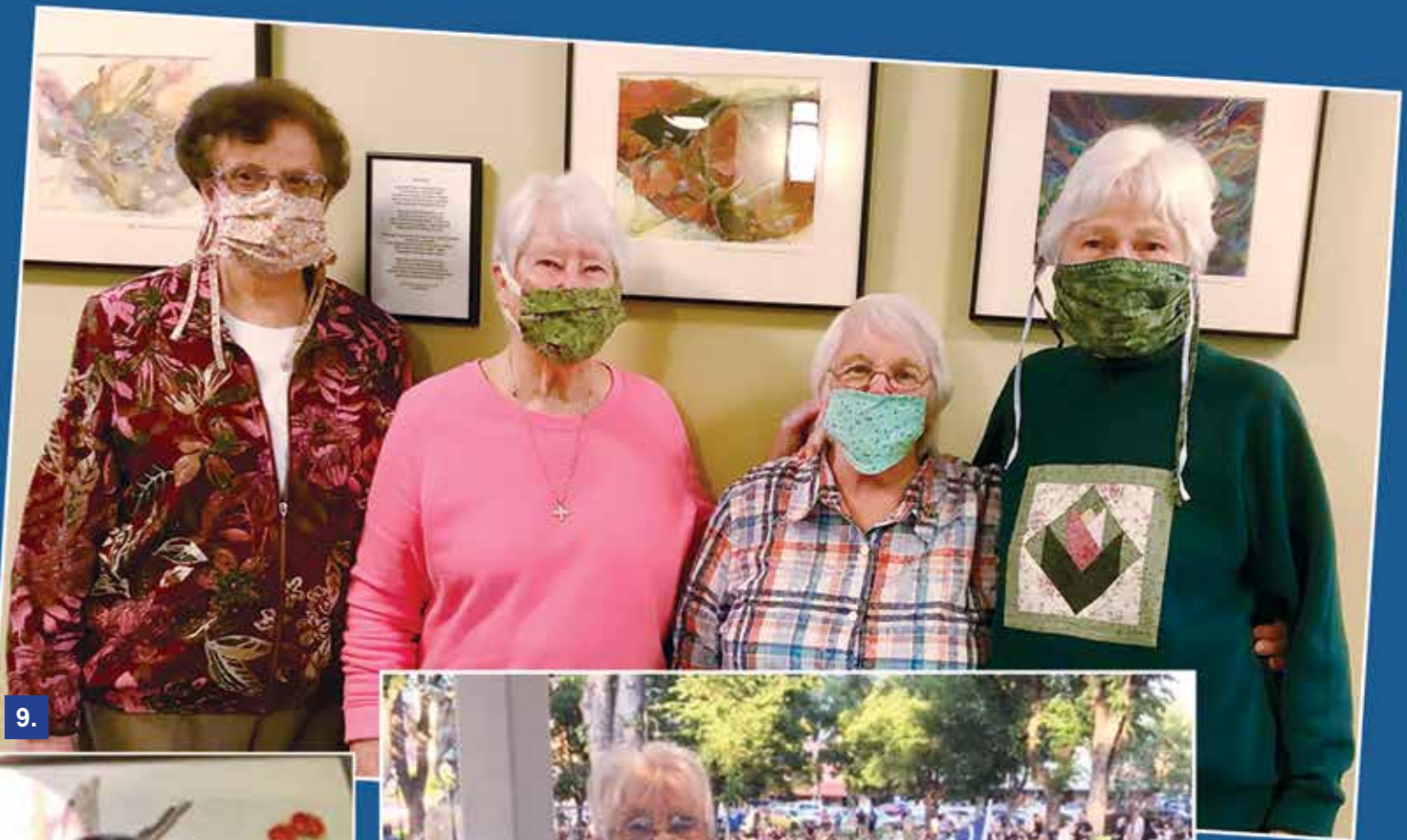
# *"We're Masked!" ... Sisters and Companions*



***We are staying connected, safe and well. Wearing masks is part of our new normal and we hope you're taking good care too.***

1. Andy Wells
2. Lynn Zetzman
3. Sr. Frances McCarron
4. Amanda Longe Asque





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5. Gail Caretto
6. Sr. Christa Parra
7. Dana and Matt Wolze
8. Sr. Helen Timothy with  
Sr. Anne Hyzy and  
Sr. Julie Stapleton
9. Sr. Nancy Kennelly,  
Sr. Mary Howard Moriarty  
Sr. Evelyn McCloskey and  
Sr. Lorraine Crawford
10. Sr. Anne Fitzsimons
11. Sr. Kay Foley
12. Sr. Betty Crotty
13. Jennifer Schmitz



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# ✠ In Remembrance ✠

✠ **Edward Leonard Anderson** [StB'56] + Husband of Janet Anderson + Father of Julie, Meg and Carolyn + Brother of Joan Anderson [StBR'49, W'53], "Companion of Mary Ward" + Brother-in-Law of Rosemary Greene

✠ **Therese Ashack** + Daughter of dec. Thomas and Margaret (McGuire) [StBE'31, E'35] Ashack + Sister of dec. Marjorie [StBE'53, E'57] (Thomas) Ward, Arlene Ashack, IBVM [StBE'54, E'58], Maureen [StBE'59] (Richard) Will, James (Valerie) Ashack and Michele (Michael) Wilson

✠ **Paul Bickler** + Husband of Arlene Bickler [E'45] + Classmate/Friend of Nancy Kennelly, IBVM [W'55]

✠ **Maria (Frances) Bierer, IBVM** [E'51] + Daughter of Arnold F. and Frances (McDonough) Bierer + Sister of dec. Mary Alice + dec. (Robert H.) Rathmann + Sister-in-Law of dec. Terri Mansell (Rathmann) + Aunt of Arnie Rathmann and Bob Rathmann + Cousin of Megan McDonough-Dobbs

✠ **Patricia Ann Birchler** [LSSM'55] + Wife of Ron Birchler + Mother of Jeff (Shari), Randy (Jill), Kathy (Eric) Willard + Step-Daughter of Elsie Turley + Step-Sister of Linda Edwards, Cynthia Brandon, Lori Vinci and Candace Harvey

✠ **Mercedes Braga, SHF** + Dear Friend of the IBVM Sisters and Wellspring Women's Center, Sacramento

✠ **Dolores Brightmore** + Wife of dec. John D. Brightmore + Mother-in-Law of Collette (Sauter) [StAD'74] Brightmore + Sister of Jacqueline M. Johnson

✠ **Kathleen "Kat" Brossmer** + Wife of Robert "Batch" Baczynski + Mother of Allie and Evan + Daughter of Norbert and Kathleen (O'Connor) Brossmer + Sister of Nadine Davis and Jerry Brossmer + Niece of dec. Anastasa O'Conner, IBVM [W'39]

✠ **Helen (Benthey) Capriglione** [E'45] + Wife of Dec. Peter C. Capriglione + Mother of Mary (Michael) Szabo, Peter (Claudia), Paul (Colette), Alice (Rich) Rzeszutko, Laura (Michael) Smith, and Ralph Capriglione

✠ **Kathleen Carmody** [E'61] + Wife of Robert Carmody + Mother of Karen (Richard) Bradford, Sharon Carmody (James) and Colleen (Kevin) Falls

✠ **Barbara (Rocks) Carney** [W'46] + Wife of dec. Edward J. Carney + Sister of Janet (Tim) Mahoney and dec. Daniel Rocks

✠ **Barbara Casey** [StAD'54, E'58] + Wife of dec. John Casey + Mother of Patrick Casey + Sister of Peg Caulfield, IBVM [StAD'47, W'51] and dec. Jeri Caulfield [StAD'49, W'53] + Sister-in-Law of Pat DiBenedetto, Marge Sprys & Ray Gums

✠ **Edwin Joseph "Bud" Connelly** + Husband of Jane Ann Connelly + Father of Michele (Mark) Adrian, Michael (Alicia) and Brian, and stepdaughters Susan Snyder, Kathy (Ken) Carwell and Teresa Adams + Brother of Arlene Connelly, IBVM [E'53]

✠ **Andrew J. Creighton** + Husband of Kathleen (Burke) Creighton + Father of Andy, Colleen (Matt) Fender and Megan + Brother of JoDee and Katheen Creighton + Cousin of Grace Creighton [W '50]

✠ **Denise Devitt** [E'55] (Sister Thomas Irene, OP) + Daughter of dec. Thomas and Irene Devitt + Sister of dec. Patricia Devitt Walsh [E'59]

✠ **Marie Therese (Johnson) Di Rienzo** [E'45] + Wife of dec. Leo Di Rienzo + Mother of Elyse (Bill Quinn) Di Rienzo-Quinn, Dianne (Art Smuda) Di Rienzo-Smuda, and Renee Di Rienzo

✠ **Teresa A. Doolin** (Former IBVM) + Daughter of dec. Henry J. and Rose I. Doolin + Sister of Suzanne R. Doolin, and dec. Mary Pat Doolin, IBVM, Henry (Kitty) Doolin, Sally I. Wyack, Nancy J. (Robert) Wyack

✠ **Lee W. Eitrem** [LSSM'50] + Husband of Ann Marie (Krapf) Eitrem + Father of Mark Stinen, Scott Alan, Leanne (Marlow), and dec. Alana ("Chicky") Eitrem

✠ **Suzanne Marie Fessler** + Wife of John Fessler + Sister of Richard (Cinda) Lasinski, Barbara Lasinski (Former IBVM), and Carol (Gregg) Johnson

✠ **Kathryn Pearl (Prosser) Geiger** [StFR'61] + Wife of Victor Geiger Sr. + Mother of Victor Jr., David (Erika), Joyce (Tom) Geiger-Eilers, and Michele (Tom) Handrich

✠ **Sharon M. (Kreten) Grill**, Former "Companion of Mary Ward" + Wife of Keith E. Grill + Mother of Jeanne (Greg) Billo, Laura (Troy) Rogers, Tom, Rob (Beth), Greg (Peggy), Keith (Jennifer), Susie (Pete) Grant, Mary Jo, Kari, Andy, Matthew, Penny, Sara and dec. Jason, Charlie and Danny

✠ **Mary Alfred Guillard, IBVM** [W'45] + Daughter of dec. John and Beatrice (La Montague) Guillard + Sister of dec. Anthony, Charles, Alfreda, Henry, Julian, Edward, Clarence and Sr. Rebecca, IBVM + survived by her sister Gertrude Wedding

✠ **Rosemary Hansen** [W'52] + Wife of dec. George Hansen + Mother of Barb Macon

✠ **John Henry** + Husband of dec. Pat (Kane) Henry [W'52]

✠ **Michael Francis Hughes** + Husband of Madeline Kennelly Hughes [W'59] + Father of Peggy Hughes and dec. Matthew Hughes + Brother-in-Law of Nancy Kennelly, IBVM [W'55]

If you are an Alumni and know of a classmate who has died please contact us for our future publications.  
All of those for whom we have been asked to pray are remembered in the daily prayers and works of the IBVM Sisters.  
The names of those honored by a memorial gift are listed in the Book of Remembrance.



✠ **Margaret Ickis** + Mother of Barb Barnett, "Companion of Mary Ward"

✠ **Rose Ann Iwinski** [W'53] + Wife of Donald Iwinski

✠ **Dr. Charles A. Janda** + Husband of Lorraine Janda + Father of Marian [SJC'66] (Nick) Fuller, Caroline [SJC'67] (Michael) Glouchevitch, Charles [SJC'69], Robert [SJC'71] (Michele), Nancy [SJC'66] (Jordan) Sinow, Catherine [SJC'75], Thomas [SJC'74] (Chris) and Richard [SJC'78]

✠ **Patricia (Campbell) Jorgensen** [StMA'56] + Wife of John Jorgensen + Mother of John Jr. (Barb), James (Darlene), Joe (Jill), Jean (Bill) Stenzel, dec. Judith (James) Joski and JoAnn Jorgensen

✠ **Phyllis Kancir** + Wife of dec. Dr. Stephen Kancir, Mother of Sue Kancir, "Companion of Mary Ward"

✠ **Dorothy A. Kennedy** [StBR'46, W'50]

✠ **Robert Yoshio Kato** + Husband of dec. Erin (Glynn) Kato + Father of Michael (Rosary) [LHS Sac'2006] + "Significant Other" Nancy Lloyd and her daughter Lindsey

✠ **Irene (McBride) Kuffer** [W'51] + Wife of dec. Donald Kuffer + Mother of Dorene Kuffer (Susan Dougherty), Dawn Kuffer Remis (William Remis)

✠ **Eileen (Griffin) Mannion** [E'57] + Mother of William, Nancy (Jon), Daniel (Shannon) and John + Sister of James, Jack (Roberta) and Kathleen (dec. Joseph)

✠ **Patricia Martin** [W'41] + Wife of dec. John "Jack" Martin + Mother of Mary Ann (Randy) Pearson, Patty (Jim) Brody, Kathy (Steve) Johnson and John (Betsy) Martin

✠ **Pasquale "Pat" Martorelli** + Husband of Mary E. (Rioux) [SJV'70] Martorelli + Father of Mary L. Libby, Andy (Betsy), Carey Kermicle and dec. Michelle Martorelli + Brother-in-Law of Dennis Rioux [StJV'67]

✠ **Don V. Mayer** + Husband of Marilyn (Norton) [E'52] Mayer + Father of Timothy (Margaret), Patrick (Shelly), Christopher and dec. Reenie (John) McTeague

✠ **John Kevin McFadden** [StAD'49] + Husband of dec. Nora McFadden + Brother of Mary McFadden [StAD'48, W'52], Thomas [StAD'50] (Mary Jo)McFadden, Helen McFadden [E'57]

✠ **Theresa Ann McGuane** + Sister of Kathleen (dec.Tony) Brady, Monica McGuane, Sr. Margaret (Flannan) McGuane, O.P., Eileen (Aiden) O'Donoghue, Joe (Philomena) McGuane, Michael McGuane, and dec. Mary McGuane and dec. John McGuane + Cousin of Sr. Peg Caulfield, IBVM [StAD'47], dec. Jeri Caulfield [StAD'45,W'53] and dec. Barbara Caulfield Casey [StAD,54, E'58]

✠ **Viola L. Merritt** + Wife of dec. Gene Merritt + Sister of dec. Vern L. Romano, dec. Lucy Romano, IBVM [LSSM'47] and Shirley [LSSM'56] dec. (Edward) Patrick + dec. Phillip Romano

✠ **Diane (O'Connor) Moore** [W'47] + Wife of Donald Moore and Leo Miller + Mother of John Miller

✠ **Joan (Black) Niquette** [StBR'48, W'52] Former IBVM + Wife of dec. Calis Niquette + Mother of Laura (Dale) Underwood, Chris (Lisa), Cyndi (Mark) Platt and Mary (Skip) Scott + Sister of Jerry (Sue) Black

✠ **Cary F. Nourie** + Husband of Brigid Cashman + Father of Briona + Son of Mary Lou (Roche) [StAD'46, W'50] and Donald Nourie

✠ **Franklin B. "Frank"Owens, Sr.** + Husband of Gilda Owens + Brother-in-Law of Brenda Eagan, IBVM, Grace Gentle, Barbara Eagan and Michael Eagan

✠ **Joseph C. Palazzolo** + Husband of Maribeth McCaw and dec. Alice (Joy) Palazzolo [StBE'49, E'53] + Father of Joseph D. (Judy) Palazzolo, Michael Palazzolo, John (Christine) Palazzolo, Mark (Christina) Palazzolo, Marjorie (Baker) Palazzolo and Frank Palazzolo + Stepfather of Melanie (John) DalPonte, Marjorie (Baker) McCaw-Murphy & Marissa McCaw + Brother-in-Law of Josephine Joy [E'57], and dec. Liz Joy [E'51]

✠ **Mary (Toland) Paradiso** [LSSM'47] + Wife of Aldo Paradiso + Mother of Mark, Steve (Lynne) and dec. Peter (Karen)

✠ **Edward Patrick** + Husband of Shirley (Ramano) Patrick [LSSM '56] + Brother in law of dec. Lucy Ramano, IBVM [LSSM '47] + dec. Viola (Romano) Merritt + dec. Phillip Romano +dec. Vern L. Romano

✠ **Carolyn T. (Lupescu) Pecka** [E'60] + Wife of James Pecka + Mother of Russell Kubin, Jacqueline Sajpel and Katherine (Hector) Hernandez

✠ **Seamus Quinn** + Brother of Raphael Quinn, IBVM

✠ **Mary Ann (Gridley) Rasmussen** [W'50]

✠ **Robert "Bob" H. Rathmann** + Husband of dec. Mary Alice (Bierer) Rathmann + Father of Arnie Rathmann and Robert J. (Janet) Rathmann + Brother-in-law of dec. Maria Bierer, IBVM [E'51]

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*God bless you!*



✠ **Mary Ellen (Baltezare) Ridders** [LSAC'66] + Wife of dec. John K. Ridders + Mother of Kristin, Lisa and Jenny + Mother-in-Law of Greg and Jeff + Sister of Ann Shoff (webmaster for Loretto Link)

✠ **Robert V. Schablaske** [StBE'41] + Husband of Alice (Krajewski) Schablaske

✠ **Elizabeth (Heddermann) Sheehan** [E'50] + Wife of dec. Mark Sheehan + Mother of dec. Kathy and Mark + Cousin of Jeanne [E'53] (Tom) Coghlan and Don (Theresa) [E'48] Coghlan

✠ **Barbara Mae (Sieracki) Smykowski** [W'55] + Wife of Richard A. Smykowski + Mother of Karen (Christopher) Gresk, Michael (Carol), John (Becky), Barbara Jurlow, Peter (Jennifer and Bill (Stacey), + Classmate and friend of Nancy Kennelly, IBVM [W'55]

✠ **Joyce (Lien) Stroh** [W'50]

✠ **Judy (Bonardi) Summers** [StBR'57] + Wife of Bob Summers + Mother of Bob Jr. (Debbie), Tricia (Jack) Howard, Dan (Shannon), and Chris (Nikki)

✠ **Paul B. Tarman** [StBR'44] + Husband of Mary Therese (Crotty) (StBE'46, E'50) Tarman + Brother-in-Law of Betty Crotty, IBVM [E'51]

✠ **Milton "Milt" Taska** "Companion of Mary Ward" + Husband of Mary Jo Taska + Father of John Taska + Brother of Anne Mitchell + Brother-in-Law of Patricia Thorn and Janet Campbell

✠ **Mary "Jo Ann" Thomas-Ruane** [W'50] + Wife of James Thomas & Peter Ruane + Mother of Daniel, James, Michael (Lori), Mary Kay, Philip (Nancy), Patricia, dec. John, George (dec. Dolly), Kathleen (dec. Robert) (Glenn), Ann Marie (Thomas), Eileen (John), Peter (Lynne), John (Kim), Sharon (James), Barbara (dec. Robert) and Maureen (Raymond)

✠ **Deacon Robert J. Vavra, Sr.** + Husband of Elizabeth (Abt) Vavra [W'53] + Father of Robert Jr. (Terri), Terrence (Kris), Timothy (Ellen), Barbara (Craig) Keeton and Maribeth Polizzi

✠ **Veronica "Ronnie" Villicana** [E'58] + Wife of Bernard "Bernie" Villicana + Mother of Cathy (Tom) McGuckin, Joe (Michelle) Villicana, Christine Villicana, Jenny Villicana (Bert) Irslinger

✠ **John Weber Wallen** [LSSM'55] + Husband of Sandra Wallen + Father of William + Brother of William (Sandy), Michael (Teresa), and Karen Brieger and dec. Sigrid + Brother-in-Law of Paul Seppala (Joanne)

✠ **Marie Therese (Lynch) Washington**, [LSSM'47] + Wife of Robert G. Washington [LSSM'41] + Sister of Michael Lynch [LSSM'53] and Therese Osmer + Cousin of Mary Simpkin, IBVM [LSSM'41]

✠ **Dorothy (O'Shea) Weaver** + Sister of Arlene O'Shea Bickler [E'45]

✠ **Chester Thomas Wiczek** + Husband of Joan (Brummel) Wiczek + Brother-in-Law of Marietta Brummel, IBVM, Joyce Reising Brummel and Nancy E. (Tom) Doran

✠ **Joy Shirley (Des Jairdins) Willette** [LSSM'48] + Wife of dec. Jack P. Willette and dec. Dr. Cecil Baker + Mother of John (Judy Sullivan) Willette, Janet (Tim) Chupka, Joyce (Robert) Gingras and Jackie (Stephen) Clem + Relative of Sr. Mary Quinn, IBVM

✠ **Margaret (McKenna) Wright** [StBE'53, E'57] + Wife of dec. James B. Wright Jr. + Sister of Elizabeth McKenna McCue [E'59] and Jeanette McKenna Shalloo

✠ **Maureen (Poydock) Wynne** [E'52] + Wife of dec. James E. Wynne and dec. Raymond T. Toner + Mother of Tom (Vera) (dec. Leslie) Wynne, Mary Ann (Craig) Nickerson, Sharon Wynne, Jim Wynne, Joe (Emily) Wynne, Kathy Bennett, Donna Wynne, Maureen (Jesse) Garcia, dec. Mary Therese (John) Hoffman and dec. Dorothy Wynne + Sister of Therese [E'48] (dec. Donald) Coghlan and dec. Mary Jean (Fernando) Mora

✠ **Craig Yort** + Husband of Juliana (McIntyre) Yort [StBR'66]

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## Legend

<b>E</b>	Loretto H.S. (Englewood), Chicago, IL
<b>LECC</b>	Loretto Early Childhood Center, Wheaton, IL
<b>LSAC</b>	Loretto H.S. Sacramento, CA
<b>LSSM</b>	Loretto H.S. Sault Ste Marie, MI
<b>OLA</b>	Our Lady of Assumption School, Carmichael, CA
<b>SJC</b>	St. John of the Cross, Western Springs, IL
<b>SJV</b>	St. John Vianney School, Northlake, IL
<b>StAD</b>	St. Adrian School, Chicago, IL
<b>StBE</b>	St. Bernard School, Chicago, IL
<b>StBR</b>	St. Bride School, Chicago, IL
<b>StCY</b>	St. Cyril School, Chicago, IL
<b>StFR</b>	St. Francis H.S., Wheaton, IL
<b>StGR</b>	St. Gregory School, Phoenix, AZ
<b>StMA</b>	St. Mary School, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
<b>StPH</b>	St. Philomene School, Sacramento, CA
<b>W</b>	Loretto Academy (Woodlawn), Chicago, IL

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**"Love Serves!"** Sister Mary Alfred chose those two words as her motto to lead and guide her throughout her life's journey as a member of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That journey was long (75 years) and full of new ministries, new places to live, and new people to meet along the way. Her mission was to bring God's love and compassion everywhere she was sent and that was exactly what she did.



Sister Mary began her ministry in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, where she studied and worked with the IBVM Sisters at Loretto Academy. It was there that Mary added to the cooking skills that her mother taught her and learned how to "fix" things. From there she went to Loretto Woodlawn to complete her high school years and to learn more about cooking, cleaning and fixing things, caring for the sick and elderly sisters, and learning how to plan and to care for the nutritional needs of the sisters and high school students.

Throughout her life, Sister Mary used all that she had learned and the skills that she had developed in ministries that took her to Loretto Abbey in Canada, St. Bride in Chicago, Wheaton, and Casa San Carlo in Northlake. Besides household and school ministries, Sister Mary added three more. She studied theology at St. Norbert's in Wisconsin to be a catechist, she served at Loretto Convent in Wheaton as sacristan and in Loretto Extension as a secretarial assistant. Where did Sister Mary find her inspiration, her energy and her openness to the new ministries, places and people she met along the way? She was faithful to daily prayer and her motto.

On February 20, 2020, Sister Mary Alfred's IBVM Sisters and Companions, family members, and many friends from

Loretto Wheaton and Casa San Carlo gathered to celebrate her life at Our Lady of the Angels Chapel in Wheaton. She had chosen her own readings and songs for the liturgy. Her choices tell us much about Sister Mary.

In her first reading she set her theme: "See what love God has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like God, for we shall see God as God is."

Early in the morning on February 13, 2020, Mary experienced for the first time what she had been longing for and hoping for. She met her God, face to face! The God who formed her, loved her, cherished her and walked with her throughout her long 92 years of life met her and welcomed her. How excited and happy she must have been that she finally arrived home!

—Kay Foley, IBVM

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Mary Ward

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This year we have made our Annual Event a little different! With the emergence of Covid-19, we changed this to Mission IS Possible! It is our hope that you will continue to support the care of our retired and infirm IBVM Sisters and our Sisters in active ministry, to ensure the world is a better place every day.

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## *Summer Fun with Mary Ward Companions and IBVM Sisters*

We had wonderful opportunities to come together and enhance our ongoing relationship with each other AND the Sisters. The monthly ***Sips of Faith*** program, started by Companion Lynne Kornecki, went from meeting at a local Panera Bread in Wheaton to going virtual on Zoom! A short reflection started us off, followed by great conversation, which recently included Sisters in Italy and India. What a fabulous chance to connect and see friendly faces from around the globe! We thank Jennifer Schmitz for leading us as Companion Coordinator for several years, as I continue in that role to keep our Companion program flourishing with our US Sisters and Companions throughout the US.

Another program we recently launched via Zoom, was ***Mary Ward and Painted Life Retreat*** on July 9. Led by Sr. Ellen Enright, we learned more about Mary Ward's life and journey as outlined in paintings archived in the Augsburg Convent. Using the paintings as our guide with a focus on Ignatian Spirituality, our time together deepened our understanding of how relevant Mary Ward's humble and courageous mission is today. For more information on the Companions of Mary Ward, please visit our website or email: [companions@gmail.com](mailto:companions@gmail.com)

*-Dana Wolze, Mary Ward Companion Coordinator*



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