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*Sisters and Co-members meet in  
Assembly to decide future directions  
and to celebrate Jubilarians*



The newly elected Executive Committee/Community Forum: From left, Sister Vicki Schwartz, Sister Cathy Mueller, Co-member Sonja Earthman Novo, Co-member Jane German, Sister Mary Catherine Rabbitt, Sister Barbara Nicholas, (President), Sister Mary Margaret Murphy, (Vice President), Co-members Paulette Peterson, Sue Kenney, and Mary Helen Sandoval, and Sister Sharon Kassing.

## **The Loretto Community Elects New Leadership**

## About this issue . . .

Many people will say that autumn is their favorite season: cooler nights, days without a punishing sun, an unimaginable diversity of colors as leaves begin to fall. Others see autumn as a harbinger of shorter days, chilly nights and considerable gloom. Both are right. In a country where fresh strawberries can be flown to any destination year-round, the idea of autumn as harvest time has lost some of its truth; most readers of this magazine will draw winter comfort from furnaces and woolens. Yet, each year each of us must adapt as we travel through the seasons whether we choose to or not.

Humans seem to be good at adapting as the calendar pushes us along. So the Sisters of Loretto and the Loretto Community as a whole begin a new journey with the election of new leadership and a series of proposals to consider, strategize over and form into action. The celebration of Jubilees reminds us that time is inexorable. We adapt, grateful for the companionship of friends and family to enjoy with us the glories of autumn and comfort us through the barrenness of winter. The newness of spring is our reward, a recurring gift from our Creator.

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### LORETTO COMMUNITY

Sisters of Loretto • Co-members of Loretto

We work for justice and act for peace because the Gospel urges us.

Loretto Community members teach, nurse, care for the elderly, lobby, minister in hospitals, provide spiritual direction and counseling, resettle refugees, staff parishes, try to stop this country's nuclear weapons build-up, work with the rural poor, and minister to handicapped, alcoholic and mentally ill adults. Our ministries are diverse.

The Loretto Community, founded in 1812 as the Sisters of Loretto, is a congregation of Catholic vowed Sisters and both lay and religious Co-members. Loretto Co-members are those who, by mutual commitment, belong to the Community through a sharing of spirit and values and participating in activities that further our mission.

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*There is an appointed season  
for everything--  
and a time for every affair  
under the heavens.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

This has been a season of “moving experiences” for us in the Denver, Colorado, area! Shortly after our Easter celebration, the few remaining Denver Center Sister residents moved to new locations and the Denver Center complex became the property of Havern School. Memorial Day Weekend marked the relocation of our staff offices to an office complex just a few blocks away. The offices provided ample space to conduct community business through the summer months. We enjoyed the change of scenery, but were excited to “return home” after the Labor Day weekend to our “old haunts.”



We have experienced some significant staff changes in the process. In the Development Office, we miss Kelly Darby’s friendly “hellos” each morning and her “helping hands” whenever there was a project to be done. Co-member Judith Baenen has stepped up to serve as temporary Editor of Loretto Magazine, following Carolyn Dunbar’s death in late May. The staff has generously “pitched in” to cover the responsibilities that Heather Taylor so effortlessly handled for the past three years as Office Manager. We know additional changes will occur in the months ahead.



In July, the Loretto Community gathered in Kentucky for our Election Assembly. Complete coverage of this event is included within this edition of Loretto Magazine. We offer our prayers and support as our new leadership team prepares to guide us through the challenges facing Loretto. This is a season of change, challenge and opportunity for new ventures.

As always, we appreciate our many Loretto friends who accompany us on our journey, supporting our internal community needs and our going “forth to meet our farther neighbors in their human needs and aspirations.” (*I Am the Way*, Constitutions of the Sisters of Loretto, Article 35)

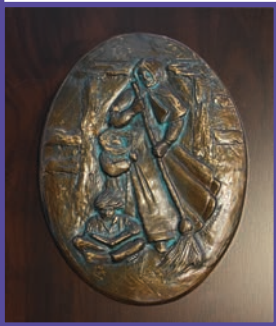
Gratefully,

Sister Denise Ann Clifford  
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### **Sister Mary Catherine Rabbitt Receives First-Ever Campbell Award for Her Legal Work for Elderly**

Sister Mary Catherine Rabbitt on August 24 was awarded the first-ever John J. Campbell Outstanding Contribution to Elder Law Award for her leadership in Colorado elder law. The award is named in honor of Campbell, an esteemed elder law attorney who practiced law in Missouri and then Colorado. Mary Catherine was selected for the award for her substantial contribution to the furtherance of Colorado elder law and the elder law section of the Colorado Bar Association and the education of others.



### **2018 Mary Rhodes Awards**

The Loretto Women's Network announced its Mary Rhodes awardees at the 2018 Assembly in Shepherdsville, Kentucky. The Mary Rhodes Award is extended to a woman who exemplifies the humility and concern for the poor that characterized Mary Rhodes, one of the founders of the Sisters of Loretto. This year's recipients were Cass Cronan, Director of EarthLinks in Denver, Colorado; Eleanor Humphrey, Enrichment Director at Marian Middle School in St. Louis, Missouri; Jennifer Piper, an immigrant rights activist working with American Friends Service Committee in Denver, Colorado; and Senator Elizabeth Warren, the first female senator from Massachusetts and a national advocate for the less fortunate.



### **Loretto Volunteer Program Expands to El Paso**

Through the efforts of Mallory Daily, Loretto's Volunteer Program Coordinator, and Sister Claudia Calzetta, Assistant Coordinator, Loretto volunteers will now have opportunities for service in El Paso, Texas. The volunteers will be working with a number of agencies there, including Loretto Academy, Villa Maria, Opportunity Center for the Homeless, Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center, and the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence. Pictured here are Claudia Calzetta and Sister Mary Margaret Murphy. Mary Margaret will oversee the Volunteer Program in El Paso.



### **Spirit of Loretto**

The Spirit of Loretto Committee presented their annual awards at the Loretto Heights College Alumni luncheon on July 21, 2018. The Lumen Christi Outstanding Faculty Award was given to Jean Stromsoe, '53; the Distinguished Alumna Award to Karen Clark Golden, '68; and the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Michael Gold, '77. The Spirit of Loretto Committee's mission is to keep the spirit of Loretto Heights College alive by perpetuating the values, heritage and tradition of LHC.





### Remembering Carolyn Dunbar

Carolyn Dunbar was born on June 15, 1952, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and passed away on May 30, 2018, in Littleton, Colorado. Carolyn edited the Loretto Magazine for 10 years, responsible for writing, design and layout. A trained journalist, Carolyn loved writing and over her time as editor learned much about the Sisters and Co-members and the history of Loretto, which she found moving and inspiring. She was a delightful member of the staff, filled with keen insights and positive humor. She was deeply devoted to her sister, her son and her grandchildren. Shortly after retiring last December, Carolyn was diagnosed with a swift-moving form of cancer and chose hospice rather than prolonged treatment. She remained witty and welcoming. Her son says, "Mom was all about family. At the end, she was where she wanted to be."



# The Loretto Community Meets in Assembly to “Walk Forward Together in Hope”



The Assembly theme is captured in a graphic designed by Sister Roberta Hudlow.

Almost 150 vowed members and co-members of the Loretto Community came together in Assembly July 8-13 at Shepherdsville, Kentucky. Although Assemblies can be held any year, every six years, a new President for the Sisters is elected; members of the Executive Committee and Community Forum are also eligible for election/re-election.

The participants began the week at the Motherhouse, in Nerinx, Kentucky. There they celebrated Mass together, shared a festive luncheon and met to discuss opening themes. This was a special opportunity for residents at the Motherhouse who could not travel to Shepherdsville to participate. Community members began by remembering those who preceded them and with whose vision and work the Community has continued

to move forward. The ceremony included placing flowers in vases and saying aloud the name of someone being remembered.

The Election Committee presented the goals for the elections, already affirmed by the Community over several months previous to the Assembly. Additional presentations in the afternoon included a presentation on Loretto Link – a nonprofit organization to share and



Co-member Jane German, Sister Liz Deines, and Co-member Riedy Clark staff the registration table at Shepherdsville, Kentucky. Nearly 150 vowed and co-members participated in the Assembly. Many others were able to be part of the proceedings by ZOOM.



promote Loretto charism – and the introduction of a new book of poems by Sister Cecily Jones, published posthumously.

On Monday, July 9, the Delegate Assembly was opened by Sister Pearl McGivney, the current President. Sisters who had submitted their names for possible leadership positions each declared their intentions. Co-members willing to serve on the Community Forum did the same. Participants then generated questions for each candidate, acknowledging that many questions already had been addressed online by candidates over the past months.

After candidates responded to the questions, and the assembled Community members discussed

their responses, the Delegates began the voting process. On the 4th ballot, Sister Barbara Nicholas was selected as the new President and she will serve a six-year term beginning in January 2019.

As there were only five Co-members who submitted their names to serve on the Community Forum they were elected by the acclamation of the full Assembly: Jane German, Sue Kenny, Sonja Earthman Novo, Paulette Peterson, and Mary Helen Sandoval. On Tuesday, remaining members of the Executive Committee were selected: Vice-President, Sister Mary Margaret Murphy, and Sisters Sharon Kassing, Cathy Mueller, Mary Catherine Rabbitt, and Vicki Schwartz.



Sister Pearl McGivney, current President of the Sisters of Loretto, opens the Assembly.

The newly-elected Executive Committee of the Sisters of Loretto: (from left) Sisters Mary Catherine Rabbitt, Vicki Schwartz, Sharon Kassing, Barbara Nicholas (President), Cathy Mueller and Mary Margaret Murphy (Vice President). The Executive Committee begins its term in January of 2019.



Additional presentations on Tuesday included a review of finances, facilitated by members of the Finance Committee, and a presentation by the Farm and Land Committee providing an overview of the workings and uses of the Motherhouse farm land.

On Wednesday morning the participants were treated to presentations by the Volunteer Program and the Loretto Community in Pakistan. In the afternoon the Delegates took up those proposals affecting the Sisters of Loretto. The assembled participants were invited to vote on other proposals submitted to the Community. Later that day, the Latin American Caribbean Committee staged a presentation and the Holy Family Sisters from Guatemala and the Most Holy Trinity Sisters from Ghana (both sister communities to Loretto) spoke about their work in their respective countries.



The chapel at the Loretto Motherhouse became a gathering space for discussions on Sunday, July 8. Opening sessions were held at the Motherhouse to afford residents at the Motherhouse an opportunity to participate if they could not travel to Shepherdsville, Kentucky.

Thursday, the remaining proposals were discussed and voted upon. Thursday evening brought a joyous celebration of the Jubilees of Sisters Mary Denis Bruck and Mary Ken Lewis (75 years); Sisters Judy Popp and Mary Ellen McElroy (60 years); and Sister Mary Nelle Gage (50 years).

tired but with gratitude to each other for all that was accomplished during the week, each participant chose a different stone to take home as a remembrance of the Assembly and the individual whose name was there.

At the opening on Monday, attendees had written their name on a stone and then placed it on a path at the front of the room. On Friday,



Keeping in mind the theme of the Assembly, "Walking Forward Together in Hope," participants were asked to write their name on a rock and place it on a "path" at the front of the room. On the last day, each person took up a rock to take home, promising to remember each other and pray for each other.



## **A sampling of the proposals approved at the July 2018 Assembly:**

- \$100,000 will be available from the General Fund or the Mission Fund in 2019 and again in 2020 and 2021 for access by Loretto Community Members, vowed and co, to support our work that furthers Loretto's mission.
- That the Loretto Community, gathered at Assembly 2018, affirm the continuation of the Emerging Forms Committee in exploring emerging expressions of committed life within Loretto, among other religious communities and in the broader context of the world.
- That the Loretto Community commit itself to a 3-year process of study and education leading to decision-making in 2021 regarding ways to preserve the Motherhouse lands which we hold sacred.
- The Loretto Congregation with the support of the Loretto Community is committed to a pay structure for all Loretto Employees based on justice as a mission priority.
- The Loretto Community gathered in Assembly affirms its support of and commitment to the growth of the Loretto Volunteer Program.
- Recognizing the violence against Earth that intensifies the suffering of people on the margins, as well as present and future generations of all species, the Loretto Community commits to significantly mitigate our impact on climate change and ecological degradation.
- That the Loretto Community, gathered at Assembly 2018, affirm a movement toward exploring a future whereby Loretto supports living opportunities and Loretto homes in communities where Loretto has a history. That the Community Forum recommends the President establish an ad hoc working group to explore feasibility of sustainable homes and inter-generational spiritually based communities as part of the future of Loretto mission.

Throughout the Assembly, participants shared discussion at tables and were sometimes asked to vote on the various issues by hand-raising, other times in quiet mode. Besides the elections, the Assembly featured a number of presentations and voting on proposals.





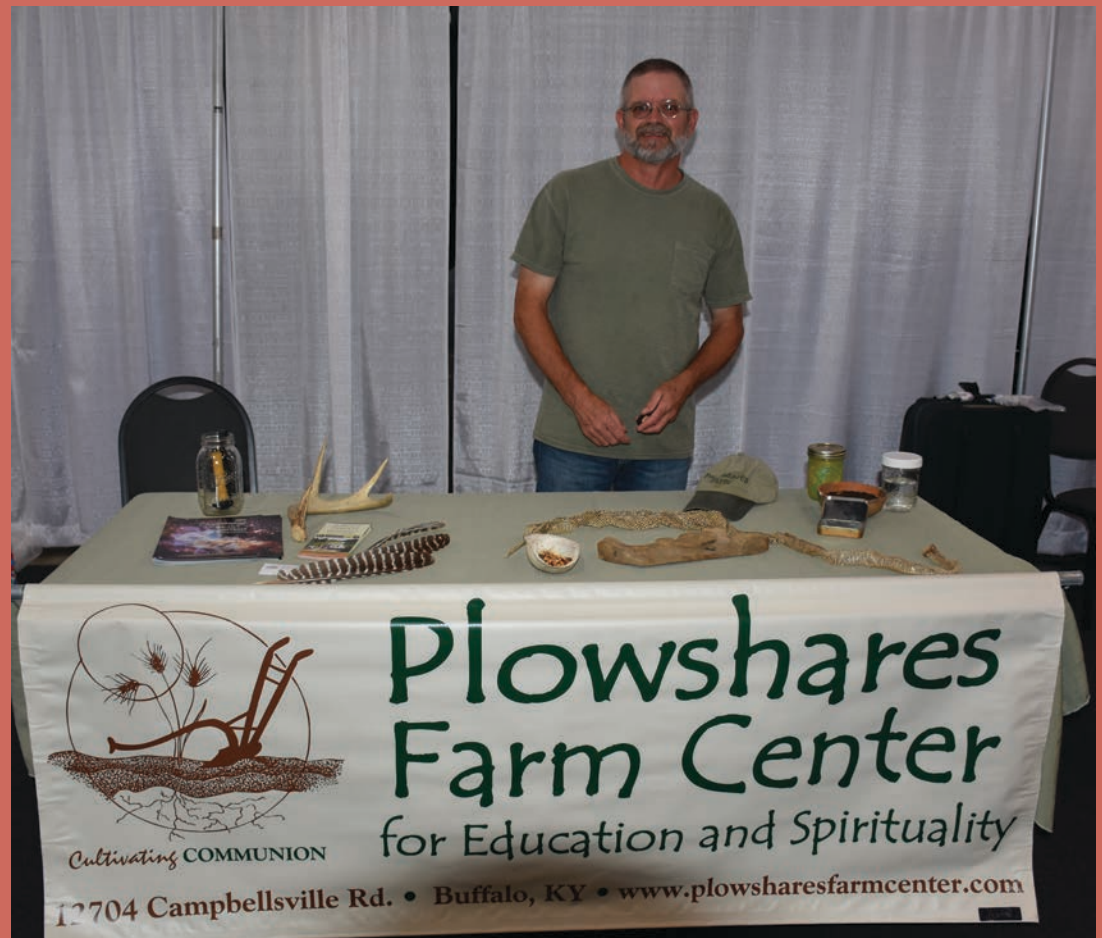
The chapel at the Loretto Motherhouse where the Community begins to gather for the opening Mass. The chapel was also used for discussion of goals for the Assembly. Many retirees living at the Motherhouse were able to take part in the proceedings.



Sister Annie Stevens counts ballots during the voting procedures. Before the Assembly opened, delegates were selected from among vowed members. Besides electing the President and the Executive Committee, delegates voted on proposals affecting the Congregation.



Co-member Bob Ernst staffs a table during one of the Assembly breaks. Bob is director of Plowshares Farm Center for Education and Spirituality, which offers a number of opportunities, from simple educational programs for school children, to more involved immersions in farm living, and reflective retreats in Buffalo, Kentucky. Community members, committees and various ministries had an opportunity to exhibit over the days of the Assembly.



The three Loretto Sisters from Pakistan congratulate Sister Barbara Nicholas on her election. The Pakistan sisters received their visas to travel from their new foundation in Lahore to the United States just in time to attend the Assembly. From left are Sisters Nasreen Daniel SL, Samina Iqbal SL, Barbara, and Maria Daniel SL.



# Paying Tribute to Loretto's Jubilarians

*The Loretto Community honors five Jubilarians for their service and dedication as Sisters of Loretto. Sisters Mary Denis Bruck and Mary Ken Lewis each are celebrating 75 years. Sisters Mary Ellen McElroy and Judy Popp are celebrating 60 years and Sister Mary Nelle Gage is celebrating her milestone 50th Jubilee.*

## Sister Mary Denis Bruck (75 years)

Sister Mary Denis Bruck was born in Quincy, Illinois. Her family moved to St. Louis, where she attended elementary and high schools. She entered Loretto and was received in 1943. In 1952 she earned a B.A. in sociology from Webster College and in 1961 and a master's in business education from Catholic University of America. She taught in schools in Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Colorado, New Mexico and California, serving as superior and principal in a number of Loretto schools and houses, including Holy Family High School in Denver and St. Joseph's High School in Taos, New Mexico. From 1974-1989, Mary Denis was the Coordinator of the Loretto Center in Littleton, Colorado.



Beginning in 1990, Mary Denis served in a number of parishes in San Diego as a research assistant, CCD teacher and volunteer. Although she "retired" in 1994, she stayed in San Diego where she was active and well-known for her service throughout the Catholic community. She also took up watercolor painting and her works were exhibited there annually.

In 2011 Mary Denis moved from San Diego to the Motherhouse in Nerinx, Kentucky. There she continues her art work – a watercolor style known as "sumi-e" – and also enjoys visiting and attending the many activities the Motherhouse offers. Her art work strives to depict the spirit rather than the semblance of the object "I want to find what's hidden within," she says. "That is where the reality lies."



## Sister Mary Kenneth Lewis (75 years)

Sister Mary Ken Lewis was born in Denver, Colorado, and attended schools there. In 1942, she entered the Sisters of Loretto and was received in 1943. In 1956 she received a B.A. in English from Loretto Heights College and in 1963 a master's in English from Marquette University in Milwaukee. She received a second master's degree in religious education from Seattle University in 1975. During her summers away from teaching, she took courses in journalism at the University of Oregon and was chosen as one of 40 outstanding educators to attend a film course offered by the American Film Institute in Santa Barbara, California.

Mary Ken taught in a number of schools in Colorado, Illinois, New Mexico and Wyoming and in 1975 was appointed Director of Religious Education for 28 parishes in the Archdiocese of Denver. She also served as Pastoral Associate in parishes in Colorado and New Mexico. In 1993, Mary Ken founded the Loretto Spirituality Center at the Denver Center in Littleton. The Spirituality Center offered spiritual and secular retreats with overnight stays and hosted many local, national and international guests until it closed in 2017.

In 1990 and 1993 Mary Ken, along with Co-member Father Marty Lally (one of her former pupils), traveled to Ghana to teach and offer retreats.

Mary Ken initiated and oversaw the production of the Loretto Prayer Book in honor of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Loretto. The Prayer Book is a compilation of prayers and rituals selected from throughout the Community. In 2012 she moved from Denver to the Motherhouse, where she remains active. An accomplished calligrapher, a number of her works are on display at the Motherhouse and in other Loretto residences. Known for her thoughtful intelligence and wry sense of humor, Mary Ken continues to put her love for Loretto into action. "I have loved everything I have done," she says. "I have always enjoyed life and the people I have met."



## Sister Mary Ellen McElroy (60 years)

Sister Mary Ellen McElroy was born in Kremmling, Colorado, where she attended both elementary and high school. After three years working on a degree at Loretto Heights College, Mary Ellen entered the Sisters of Loretto in 1957. She received a B.A. in elementary education from Webster College in 1961 and taught in various schools in Missouri. In 1977 she received her master's degree in education from St. Louis University.

Mary Ellen was drawn to pastoral ministry and worked in a number of parishes in the St. Louis area. In 1988 she received a C.P.E. in Clinical Pastoral Education, allowing her to serve as a hospital chaplain. "Being with the sick and their families is quite humbling," said Mary Ellen. "Walking with these folks has taught me so much about my own vulnerability, for which I am grateful."

Currently Mary Ellen lives in Denver, Colorado, where she is a spiritual director, companioning people on their spiritual journey.



## Sister Judy Popp (60 years)

Born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Sister Judy Popp entered Loretto in 1957, and in 1958 took the name Sister Judith Marie. After the novitiate and House of Studies, she was awarded a B.A. in elementary education from Webster College.

Judy taught elementary and middle school in Springfield, Missouri; Rawlins, Wyoming; and El Paso, Texas. In 1973, she moved to the Motherhouse, where she applied for a job doing social work part time for the Abbey of Gethsemani, work she continues until this day.

Judy is active on the Liturgy Committee and is sacristan at the Motherhouse. In addition, she has served on a number of non-profit boards both in and beyond Marion County. She received the Sam C. May Award (Rotary Club) for her efforts in starting the Caring Place.

Judy is tireless in her work with the poor throughout what she calls her "corner of Kentucky. People need stability," she says. "They know they can come and ask me because they know me. I want to be there for them."

## Sister Mary Nelle Gage (50 years)

By Sister Cathy Mueller

Sister Mary Nelle Gage is celebrating 50 years as a Sister of Loretto. When asked about her life in Loretto, her response is one of gratitude – thankful for the many opportunities that have been afforded her as well as the inspiration Loretto members have been and continue to be for her.

Unexpected opportunities have led Mary Nelle from teaching speech, drama and directing plays at Machebeuf High School (along with musical director Sister Frances Rattermann) to helping Sister Susan Carol McDonald with orphans at New Haven Nursery in Vietnam. These experiences have shaped her life of service.

Upon returning from Vietnam, Mary Nelle worked for Lutheran Family Services and Ecumenical Refugee Services, resettling refugees, primarily from Vietnam. She was privileged to witness how people regain their lives after incredible suffering and trauma and also inspired by Good Samaritans who came forth from churches and civic groups.

Parallel to this work, Mary Nelle kept her commitment to the adoptees from Vietnam. As they moved into adulthood, they had many questions about their early lives, birth parents, and culture. Along with Susan Carol, adoptive parents, resettled Vietnamese refugees and adoptees, she helped organize reunions about every five years to help them touch base with others like themselves and their history.

Working with others, Mary Nelle has led seven trips back to Vietnam with the adoptees and their families to make real their link with their biological past. They had the chance to see the areas where they were born, where they had been cared for as babies, and even meet some of the women who held, bathed and cared for them and wept when they left.



At the Mass celebrating the opening of the Assembly, Sister Mary Nelle Gage places her flowers of remembrance. Each Sister in attendance put flowers in altar vases to recall individual Sisters who had been guides and mentors.

Sister Mary Nelle Gage poses with adoptees from Colorado, Missouri, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Canada. The photo was taken at a “mini-reunion” in March 2018.



Sister Mary Nelle Gage receives the Eucharist from Co-member Father Marty Lally at the Jubilee Mass on July 11.





Along the way, Mary Nelle began a part-time position at American Airlines, where she meets interesting and varied people (including Pope John Paul II and Desmond Tutu). To all she gives a gracious welcome. The travel benefit enabled her to be more present to her parents in Texas as they aged.

Another opportunity presented itself when EarthLinks needed someone to develop a marketing plan and organize volunteers for the many sales. Besides organizing, she and Co-member Ruth Routten devote many weekends selling the items made by EarthLinks' participants. They tell the stories of the participants, who are homeless, economically poor and struggling with many issues in their lives as well as creative as seen in the products they have made and happy when someone they don't know buys what they have made. Mary Nelle shares how she has been moved and changed through the relationship with the participants.

Life's journey has led Mary Nelle down unexpected paths. She weaves many of the experiences together by seeing how she has been entrusted with people's life stories, witnessing the Gospel being lived out in everyday situations. Her attitude is consistent: How can I help in any way? From service in Vietnam, numerous commitments in the United States, relationships that continue with people around the world, to garage sales at Loretto Center in Denver and negotiating about the future of the Sisters buried in the cemetery at Loretto Heights College (LHC), her generous response is: how can I help?

Having been given much, Mary Nelle is grateful to be in Loretto, to see her life influenced by the many Loretto members who have inspired her life of service. Reviewing the lives of the Sisters in the LHC cemetery, many of whom she did not know, she muses that they were asked to create something new: "They started with nothing and created something that lasted for 100 years. These are the shoulders we stand on. We are in good company."



The Jubilee Mass was held July 11, with Co-members Fathers Michael DiSciuse and Marty Lally officiating at the liturgy, planned by Sister Denise Ann Clifford. Pictured here, from left: Fathers Michael and Marty, Sister Anna Amo FST, Sister Mary Nelle Gage (50th Jubilee), Sister Judy Popp (60th Jubilee), Sister Cecilia Ankamah FST, and Sister Mary Ellen McElroy (60th Jubilee). Seated in front is Sister Mary Denis Bruck (75th Jubilee).



### **Angelus Caron SL**

**June 27, 1916 – April 3, 2018**

Sister Angelus Caron was born in Stockton, Kansas, but her father moved the family to Denver so that each would get a good education. Blanche, as she was then known, met the Sisters of Loretto when she began attending catechism class after Mass each Sunday. Blanche's sister, Aldea, entered Loretto and Blanche knew that she would follow. In 1935, Blanche became Sister Angelus. Angelus had a great deal of success in teaching little children and taught primary grades in Colorado, Arizona, California and Virginia. In 1972, she received a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado. For 25 years, she taught and tutored at Havern School in Littleton, Colorado, then "retired" to El Paso, Texas, where she continued to tutor and serve the Community there. In 2005, Angelus moved to the Motherhouse, where she kept busy with sewing and was active in other daily tasks around the property. In 2016 she enjoyed a festive celebration of her 100th birthday. Angelus always kept a close connection with Jesus: "We're in this together," she says. "That keeps me going."



### **Elizabeth Ann Compton SL**

**August 28, 1929 – May 5, 2018**

Sister Elizabeth Ann Compton was born in St. Louis, Missouri, the first child for Catherine McNamee and Clark Matthis Compton. She was later followed by two brothers, Dick and Tommy. She attended several grade schools, with St. Ann's, staffed by the Sisters of Loretto, her favorite. She had a talent for singing, and began voice lessons at the age of 9. After graduating from Nerinx Hall High School, she received a voice scholarship to attend Webster College. In 1951, she entered the Sisters of Loretto. She continued her studies at Webster while teaching music in local schools and eventually full time at Nerinx Hall. In 1959, "EA" as she was then known, was moved to St. Mary's Academy in Denver for health reasons, then in 1969 she was assigned to Loretto in Kansas City. She returned to St. Louis in 1976, teaching part time and working as an activities director in adult daycare, then as administrator of Nazareth Living Retirement Center. EA later became a fabulous storyteller and was a member of Gateway Storytellers and performed in numerous venues. She moved to the Motherhouse in 2017. She remained very close to her family with whom she visited often. "My life in Loretto has been so blessed," she says. "I would not trade it for any other vocation."



### **Lois Dunphy SL**

**December 2, 1923 – May 25, 2018**

Sister Lois Dunphy was born at home on a farm in Eastlake, Colorado, the second of four children. The family moved to a farm in Broomfield when Lois was 2 years old. She attended school there and became acquainted with the Sisters of Loretto, who taught catechism at the family's local church. Although it was a distance, her parents sent her and her older sister, Carol, to school at Holy Family High School, where they were taught by Sisters of Loretto. The girls boarded with a family and returned home on weekends until Carol was old enough to drive them each day. Lois entered Loretto after high school, taking the name Sister Mary Carol. Her sibling, Carol, entered some years later and took the name Sister Peter Michael. Both sisters resumed their baptismal names in the 1960s. Lois taught elementary grades in Missouri, New Mexico, and Colorado, also serving as principal and superior. She received her B.A. in 1954 and a master's degree in history and Spanish at Creighton University in 1961. In 1973 Lois returned to Broomfield, Colorado, to take care of her aging parents. After their deaths in 1980, Lois served in various positions in Colorado and Texas, then for eight years she was manager of the Loretto Staff office in Denver. Lois moved to the Motherhouse in 2003, where her sister, Carol, was already living. She was always active, cheerful and engaged in many different activities. "I hope I will be as graceful as my parents in my later years," she remarked. "I don't have any fears."



### **William Roat CoL**

**November 24, 1924 – May 9, 2018**

Co-member William "Bill" Roat was born in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. At the age of 12 he decided he wanted to be a scientist, and did indeed become a systems engineer and graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He served as a radio repairman in the U.S. Army. In 1974, he met Co-member Michele Stimac, the former Sister Mary Michael, who was teaching and counseling at Boston University. In 1975 the couple moved to Los Angeles, where Bill worked as an electronics engineer at Hughes Aircraft and taught at Southwest Community College. In 1978, Bill and Michele were married in Crested Butte, Colorado, Michele's hometown. He and Michele remained close to both of their families, Bill's brother and sister, his four adult children and his grandson. After Bill and Michele attended the Loretto Reunion in Estes Park, Colorado, in 1985, Bill began to consider becoming a Co-member. Together, they made commitments in 1988, offering to share love and friendship with the Sisters of Loretto. Bill and Michele retired to Denver in 1997 and they spent a great deal of time interacting with the Loretto Community in Denver, especially at the Loretto Center. At the 25th anniversary of their commitment as Co-members, Bill wrote, "With the support of the Loretto Community, our family and our friends, we move forward in an unpredictable world."





### **Elaine Satterwhite SL**

**March 23, 1934 – June 3, 2018**

Sister Elaine Satterwhite was born in Denver, Colorado, the youngest of three girls. She attended Holy Family Grade and High Schools and the University of Colorado for one year. She entered the Sisters of Loretto in 1952, taking the name Sister Mary Assumpta. Elaine was an accomplished pianist and organist and received a B.A. in music education from Webster College and a master's degree in organ performance from DePaul University. She taught in the music education department at Webster College from 1957 to 1970, when she resigned her position to work on a doctorate at the University of Colorado. She was awarded that degree in 1976. In 1972 she received a dispensation from her vows and began teaching at Morehouse College in Atlanta. In 1986 and 1996 she received two sabbatical grants to teach and study in South Africa, specializing in African music and the social effects of Apartheid and racism. She was visiting professor in music for one year at Fort Hare, on the southern tip of South Africa. In 1982, Elaine had been encouraged to reconnect with the Sisters of Loretto. She re-entered and made her final vows in 1985. Elaine was committed to civil rights and to the lives of people of color both at home and abroad. Besides working with Africans and with African-Americans, Elaine traveled to Pakistan twice to teach and live with the Loretto Community there. While living at the Loretto Center in Denver, Elaine was diagnosed in 2017 with cancer and given only a few months to live. She moved to the Motherhouse, where she died surrounded by friends. Elaine had a keen interest in astronomy. "We'll all be part of the universe before long," she said. "I'll see you among the stars."



### **Paul J. Wexler CoL**

**November 8, 1919 – July 26, 2018**

Co-member Paul Wexler was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. He served in the Army Air Corps and reached the rank of Captain before returning to the civilian life. He worked at Columbia Records, where he became vice-president, and engaged with many popular vocalists of the day, including Rosemary Clooney, Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett. He left and joined Colpix, a division of Columbia Pictures and founded Cape Music, a small mail-order company selling records and books. He was extremely active in the record industry and served on a number of boards. Paul became acquainted with Loretto through Jacqueline Grennan a former Sister of Loretto. They married in 1969 and were active with the Loretto Community in St. Louis. They moved to Orlando, Florida, where they continued to welcome Loretto members to their home. After Jacqueline's death, Paul moved to Wayne, Pennsylvania, then to Bryn Mawr. Paul was the father of two children, and had four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Paul was in the 30th year of his commitment to Loretto.

*Complete, detailed remembrances and more photos may be found at [www.lorettocommunity.org](http://www.lorettocommunity.org).*

# Memorials and Tributes of Honor

## April 2018 — July 2018

**In Memory of:**  
Requested by:

**Esther Catherine Arpin**

Kelly Marie Darby

**Martha Belka SL**

Kathleen & Michael Dicken

**Ted & Clara Bow**

Pamela Henninger

**Kevin Budd, Teacher at  
Nerinx Hall High  
School**

Dominican Sisters

**Aldea Caron SL**

Pamela Henninger

**Angelus Caron SL**

Andre Grass

Pamela Henninger

The Loretto Community

**Elizabeth Ann Compton SL**

Kathleen Fry

Theresa Kinealy\*

The Loretto Community

Nancy McMahon

Kathleen O'Malley CSJ

**Dolores & Ralph Corley**

Maureen Corley

**My sister, Ame Calistiana de  
Leon**

Ryan Ignatius Pratt

**Carolyn Dunbar**

Loretto Community & Staff

Theresa Kinealy\*

**Trish Dunn\***

Charles Brown

**Lois Dunphy SL**

The Loretto Community

Theresa Stawowy\*

**Donna Smith Dwyer**

David Dwyer

**Ernestine & Ivy Frank Farrar**

The Farrar Family

**Clyde Graven**

Maura Graven

**R. Bradley Hammond**

The Loretto Community

**Augusta Pearl Hanson**

Infant daughter of Rebecca

& Peter Hanson; baby

sister of Thea & Jonathan

Hanson

Loretto Community & Staff

**Eileen Marie Heckman SL**

James Regan

**Marie Noel Hebert SL**

James C. Hebert

**Joseph Highland**

Mary A. Highland

**Rita Kennedy Hill**

Michelle Kennedy Bobrick

Margaret Brennan

Marc Carpenter

Hilda Landry Drennan

Lorraine Elsen

Barbara Farrell

Lorraine Friesen

Colleen Hill

Betty Kennedy

George Kennedy

Mary & James Rogers

Sisters of Loretto

Linda Walker

**Cecily Jones SL**

Kay Mullen

**Margaret Anne Jones SL**

Helen Feldewerth

**Mary and Gene Kaiser**

W. Terance Purcell

**Eileen Marie Kebert**

Bernadette & Patrick Clifford

**Tom Knapp**

Catherine Mueller SL

**Deceased Members of the**

**Lacerte Family**

Jeanne M. Lacerte

**Abby Marie Lanners**

Patricia & Larry Lanners

**Phillip Olam Loger**

Catherine Mueller SL

**Francene Lum SL**

Monica Chew

**Marty Martelli, Holy Family**

Class of 1959

Therese M. Martelli

**Mr. & Mrs. G. C. McEvoy**

Patricia Kabler

**Margaret (Peggy) McMahon**

Nancy McMahon

Catherine Mueller SL

The Loretto Community

**Mary McNellis SL**

Patty McCarty

**Bill Minelli**

Sally Minelli

**Deceased members of the**

**Newton family**

Helen Teter

**Alva Nicholas**

Carlene L. Laseter

**Marvin Osborn**

Jane Osborn

**Ken Palumbo**

Mary Frances Palumbo

**Charlotte A. Rabbitt**

Peggy & Dennis Rabbitt

**Marie Joann Rekart SL**

Rose Marie Hayden

**Anne Ferras Remedios**

Vincent Remedios

**Bill Roat\***

Marilyn Flanigan\* & Brad

Buckner

Dolores Ebner

Edgar Forrest

Theresa Kinealy\*

Jo Ann\* & Larry\* Purcell

Mary Ralick

Deborah Smith

Jamie & Ralph Switzer

The Loretto Community

**Molly Roettger**

The Loretto Community

Mary Lou Mayer

**Elaine Satterwhite SL**

Theresa Stawowy\*

The Loretto Community

**Mr. & Mrs. Paul Schmidt**

Regina Schmidt

**Sisters of Loretto who taught  
me**

Mary Sandoval Rome

**Elmer & Edna Stoverink**

Joseph Stoverink

**Kate Swanson**

Catherine Mueller SL

**Ralph Switzer**

Edgar Forrest

**Joseph William Taylor**

Theresa Taylor

**Mary Luke Tobin SL**

Kay Mullen

**Emmanuel Tonne SL**

Janice Murphy

**Mary Bernardine Wiseman SL**

Mary Wiseman Roscoe

**Paul J. Wexler\***

Loretto Community

**Myra Wisniewski**

Arthur Ratkewicz





**In Honor of:**  
Requested by:

*Throughout this list of Memorials and Tributes,  
an asterisk ( \*) following a name identifies  
that person as a Loretto Co-member.*



**2018 Loretto Jubilarians**

**Mary Jane (Micki) Baker\***  
**Mary Denis Bruck SL**  
**Evelyn Donohoo\***  
**Mary Nelle Gage SL**  
**Mary Kenneth Lewis SL**  
**Mary Ellen McElroy SL**  
**Rose Miles\***  
**Judith Marie Popp SL**  
**Jo Ann Purcell\***  
**Mary Agnes Richter SL**  
Carol Ann Ptachek SL  
**Noor Al-Hammadi**  
Patricia Frueh SL  
**Louisa Alvarado**  
Tilly Garcia  
**Mary Kay Brannan SL**  
Karen & Kurt Musgrave  
**Joe Burke**  
Mary Frances Palumbo  
**Bea & Harold Combs**  
Carlene L. Laseter  
**Mary Ann Coyle SL**  
Jo Ann\* & Larry\* Purcell  
**Mary Ann Cunningham SL**  
Timothy J. Parker

Jo Ann\* & Larry\* Purcell  
**Donna Day SL**  
Dennis Cuddihee  
**Carolyn Dunbar**  
Kelly Marie Darby  
Loretto Development Team  
**Marie Ego SL**  
William Lewis  
Tess Malumphy  
David Wagner  
**Lindsey Faust**  
Rosemary Derocher  
**Benedicta Feeney SL**  
Mary Jane Clabots  
**Maureen Fiedler SL**  
Lorraine & William D'Antonio  
Jennifer Morgan  
**Mary Nelle Gage SL, 50-year  
Jubilarian**  
Jeffrey P. Hahn  
Kay Mullen  
**Adou Garcia**  
**Ariel Garcia**  
**Bernie Garcia**  
**Gerry Garcia**  
Tilly Garcia

**Maria Gonzalez**  
Felicia Garcia  
**Jeannine Gramick SL**  
John LeBedda II  
Jennifer Morgan  
Joan O'Neill  
**Mary Katherine Hammett SL,  
93rd Birthday**  
Marilyn Montenegro  
**Mary Jo Highland**  
Mary A. Highland  
**Patricia Kenoyer\***  
William Raney  
**Mary Frances Lottes SL**  
Jeffrey P. Hahn  
**Imelda Therese Marquez SL**  
Mary Ann Lang  
**Pat McCormick SL**  
Jo Ann\* & Larry\* Purcell  
**James Meyer**  
Mary Highland  
**Barbara Mooney**  
Theresa Stawowy\*  
**Barbara Nicholas SL**  
Carlene L. Laseter  
**Lydia Pena SL**

Timothy J. Parker  
**Betty Thielier Regan, LHC '49**  
James Regan  
**Marge\* & Bob\* Riggs &  
family**  
Denise Ann Clifford SL  
**The Sisters of Loretto**  
Barrie Ryan  
**The Sisters of Loretto who  
taught at St. Mary's  
Academy & Loretto Heights  
College**  
Timothy J. Parker  
**The Sisters of Loretto who  
taught at Webster  
University**  
Melanie DePorter  
**Marlene Spero SL**  
John L. Veatch  
**Kathleen Tighe SL**  
Peggy & Dennis Rabbit  
**Mary Catherine Widger SL**  
Theresa Taylor  
**Theresa Louise Wiseman SL**  
Mary Wiseman Roscoe

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*"Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves,  
We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!"*

*— Humbert Wolfe*

