LACC: AT THE BORDER
We’re in the midst of winter and we’ve entered a new year, a new decade. At Loretto, our hope and our works remain strong.

In this issue:

We celebrate the 50th anniversary of Loretto Co-membership and highlight our three newest co-members (in order of their acceptance): Molly Kammien, Earna Rae Volk and Leslee Moore. Pages 6-10

Havern School continues Loretto’s tradition of educational excellence. Pages 11-14

Judy Popp SL began her social work job in 1973 and is still going strong. Page 15

Loretto provides assistance at the border, where the crisis worsens for families seeking asylum. Pages 16-17

“Pakistani society is very patriarchal,” writes Nasreen Daniel SL in this story of a mother and her son Daim, a student at St. Anthony’s in Lahore. Page 18

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Front cover:
Mary Jean Friel CoL, at rear, with refugees seeking assistance at a shelter in Arizona. Sign in Spanish reads, “Let’s take care of our water. Please do not open the faucet totally. Thank you.”
Photo courtesy Mary Jean Friel CoL

Back cover:
Christmas 2019 at the Motherhouse.
Clockwise from left: Johanna Brian SL and Liz Perez SL; Sue Charmley SL and Cecilia Skees SL; Denise Ann Clifford SL, Loretto staff member Nicole Martinez, Marlene Spero SL
Photos by Nicole Martinez and Liz Perez SL
Dear Reader,

Loretto Magazine Editor Christina Manweller has done a great job gathering up stories and photos to present to you for this winter edition. I hope that you find much in these stories of Loretto life that is heart-warming even as there may be a chill in the air.

A story that lingers, and I sometimes wonder if it is anecdotal or a real memory, is something Mary Luke Tobin SL once observed about this time of year. Reportedly, as she listened to some voices that noted how bleak, sun-less and stark it all seemed outside, Luke’s eye had caught something not so obvious when tall grass, crops, and flush, green-leaf trees filled the Motherhouse landscape: “Look how you can see all the contours of the land, little hillocks giving way to taller rises, and all the subtle color variations, beige to brown, gray to black.” I never again looked at winter-Earth as uninviting and have enjoyed the opportunity to discover a new “hillock.”

Some of you may have also heard Luke calling us to look at the nighttime sky as she recited the names of planets, stars and constellations, moon-phases, and even speeding satellites. There are many sources of artificial light as I step outside in the crisp winter night air and still there is magic in that blackest sky with its brightest pinpoints of light.

I invite us all to keep looking for images of the gifts of winter that we may have never noticed before. Those Magi of old may never have considered that in 2,000 years, their words would still linger: We have seen a Star in the East! Let’s tell each other what we have seen and count it all as blessing.

Happy New Year.

Sister Barbara Nicholas SL

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Moon at 3 a.m. on the Gulf of Mexico at Destin, Florida.
Photo by Barbara Nicholas SL
Sisters of Loretto honored in El Paso

The Option for the Poor Award was given in recognition of the sisters’ many years of service “Working for Justice and acting for Peace in the El Paso Diocese.”

At the ceremony in El Paso, Texas, in November, Helen Santamaria SL gave the keynote, a reflection on the call of the Gospel to end racism today. Loretto Academy Alumna, Sofia Larkin ‘87 read the proclamation; the Rev. Ben Flores, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, presented the award to the sisters on behalf of Bishop Mark Seitz, who was traveling.

Students from the Marion County High School (Lebanon, Ky.) Smile Club volunteered at the Motherhouse and Infirmary in November. They mulched the courtyard, played games with the Infirmary residents, helped individuals with technology, and delivered goody bags to the Infirmary. They also enjoyed lunch with the sisters and residents.
Loretto Denver busy with events

Attending the Motherhouse Land Preservation gathering in October 2019, from left: Mary Ellen McElroy SL, Joan Spero SL, Pat McCormick SL and Lisa Reynolds CoL

Discussion at the Motherhouse Land Preservation gathering; from left: Joan Spero SL, Michele Stimac CoL, Loretto Volunteer Becca Krasy and Anna Koop SL.

Left: Yana Ludwig leads a facilitation training in January 2020. Libby Comeaux, CoL, on the left; Amy-Beth Fischoff, Nyland Co-Housing, right. Photo by Lisa Reynolds CoL.

Top: In November 2019, Andy Loving and Joel Koerner from Just Money presented on investing responsibly. Photo by Sue Kenney CoL.

Jessie Rathburn CoL, Earth Education and Advocacy Coordinator, presents at the Land Preservation meeting.

Photos by Mary Nelle Gage SL
Co-membership began as a means for those who were deeply connected to Loretto to have an alternative, non-canonical way of formally belonging to the Community.

Lisa Reynolds CoL

Photos, clockwise from top: Co-members Kaye Edwards, Jessie Rathburn, Mary Jean Friel and Rosa Lizarde; Byron Plumley CoL and George McShea CoL; Pilar Gonzalez CoL at left with La Sagrada Familia sisters from Guatemala; Sharon Kassing SL and Sonja Novo CoL.
In my role as the co-membership coordinator, I am blessed to get to know the co-members-in-process. To share with these individuals our love of Loretto, its members and its values, to do readily what is asked because our commitment is so deep, to walk in the mystery of being a part of something that is often hard to define but clearly felt as a calling or connection beyond words, are nothing less, in my mind, than a divine gift.

Lisa Reynolds CoL

Co-membership history

- In 1970, professed sisters vote to approve a new form of community membership for lay people at the General Assembly in August. Two former sisters become the first co-members.

- In 1971, two sisters receive dispensation from their vows (one from another order), and became co-members.

- By the end of 1973, Loretto had welcomed 18 co-members, including the first lay co-member and the first male co-member.

- In 1977, Loretto approved the creation of an official co-member process and the appointment of a co-membership director to oversee the process.

Today Lisa Reynolds, a Loretto co-member, acts as Co-membership Coordinator. There are 195 co-members.

Thanks to Eleanor Craig SL and Mary Seematter CoL, whose material was used for research and background information,

Cecily Jones SL

Loretto’s mission is ... increasingly [carried on] by others who share Loretto life, spirit, and values. Co-members have for years served on the Loretto staff and as teachers and principals at Loretto-sponsored schools, committee members, educators, center coordinators, forum members, retreat center directors. They have led peace and justice efforts, have represented Loretto at the UN, have been Loretto’s face in Latin America.

Lisa Reynolds CoL
Molly has a long history with Loretto. Her great aunt Elizabeth Ann Compton was a Sister of Loretto, her mother Ann Kammien is a co-member, and her grandmother was a graduate of Nerinx High School, a Loretto school. Molly also attended Nerinx, where she gained a keen awareness of social justice and women’s issues, learned of Loretto’s strong sense of community and the importance of independent thinking.

Molly’s strong sense of social justice, her compassion and kindness, and her delightful personality will be long-lived assets to Loretto.

Molly thanks the Loretto Community, especially Community Group 21 and Lisa Reynolds, for endless support in the co-membership process.

Recently married to Connor O’Shea, Molly and Connor live in Brooklyn, New York, where they practice law.

Molly’s heart is so open ... it sometimes seems that she would be fragile, but she is the opposite — clear and fierce in knowing the values by which she chooses to live and how those values inform and permeate her life. Molly’s values are unmistakably Loretto’s values, and she has demonstrated her desire to live those values as a committed member of the Loretto Community, a community she has known all her life.

Sally Dunne CoL, formerly Loretto’s UN NGO representative with whom Molly did her internship.

Photos by Ann Compton Kammien CoL and Rosa Lizardo CoL
Earna fell in love with the Sisters of Loretto as soon as she stepped foot on the grounds of the Motherhouse. Her devotion grew from working as a nurse aide into her role as an active co-member. She spoke of Loretto being a Community that has “bonded me to something deeper than I had ever experienced.”

Earna has worked as the receptionist for the Motherhouse for almost seven years. She also assists the sisters, taking them shopping, out to eat, helping with their computers, and out to play bingo. “I do anything for them that I can.” One sister commented, “She spends a lot of time just talking with Infirmary residents who come down to visit with her. I have been truly inspired by her compassion and kindness with everyone.”

Born in Lancaster, Kentucky, Earna now lives in Lebanon, Kentucky, with her partner, Kevin Stumph. She has two living siblings, a sister and brother, and a grown son.

Earna understands and espouses Loretto values, takes an active role in many events here at the Motherhouse. Her buoyant personality and real care are testaments to who she is.

Earna is a vital part of this Community.

Angela Bianco SL

Photos by Peg Jacobs CoL and Nicole Martinez
Leslee is serving as a volunteer in the Loretto Heritage Center. She also serves on the Pakistan Mission Committee and attended the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, sharing her experiences with the Community upon her return. Leslee is the newest editor of Interchange, Loretto’s internal newsletter. She is a familiar visitor at the Loretto Motherhouse on Sundays for Mass and dinner.

Leslee first connected with Loretto in 2016, as she explored various communities. After attending a Loretto retreat in May 2017, she never looked back. “That quiet space deep within me knows this is where I belong. ... I have been given so much by this Community that I could never give back enough to properly show my gratitude. The journey that began at the retreat in May of 2017 is a lifelong commitment, a true calling.”

Born in Poughkeepsie, New York, Leslee’s family moved to Lexington, Kentucky, when she was 3 years old. She has lived in central Kentucky since. She attended public school and 11 years of catechism class. Leslee and her husband, David, live in Lexington and have two sons and two grandchildren.

I hope in return I can bring to the Community an energy and a capacity for hard work that can be put to good use.

Leslee Moore CoL
Award-winning Infirmary puts needs of residents first

The Council, made up of Loretto Community members and lay residents, holds elections annually, with officers beginning their terms on January 1 each year.

Since instituting the Council, we have seen a doubling in the number of residents attending our Infirmary resident monthly meetings. Every resident has the opportunity to speak and all concerns are followed up on at the following meeting. Minutes are kept according to federal guidelines.

Residents who are not members of the Loretto Community are involved in all activities, as they are part of the “family.”

We have well-trained, conscientious Infirmary staff who try to know and respond to each resident’s idiosyncrasies. Their mantra is, “If you need anything, just turn on your light.”

We will continue to listen and respond to needs that improve the quality of life. We are truly blessed!

Infirmary activities include trips to restaurants, concerts and plays; picnics and outings; baking; card games and bingo; tai chi classes; Saturday movies; educational presentations.

Religious activities include daily Mass; rosary group; spirituality and mindfulness sessions; Reconciliation in church or in the resident’s room; monthly Exposition and Benediction; periodic Sacrament of the Sick.

Loretto Motherhouse Infirmary named a 2019 Best of Kentucky Facility

“The Loretto Motherhouse Infirmary has consistently maintained a five-star rating ...”

Chris Page, KAHCF Board Chair

Medicaid Services (CMS) ratings, in addition to surveys of residents and families. Loretto Motherhouse Infirmary has consistently maintained a five-star CMS rating.

Michelle Essex
Infirmary Administrator
In this area, from Texas to California, we’re one of the only schools that serves students with learning disabilities in an intervention model, with the goal of teaching the kids to go back into their community. The service that we provide is really needed.

Ellen Hall
Havern School has always been on the cutting edge of educating children with learning disabilities. The Denver-area Sisters of Loretto opened the school in 1966, after Sisters Barbara Schulte and Dorothy Hurley were educated in how to teach in this newly-developing field. At the time, learning disabilities, as they were later called, went largely undiagnosed.

Once students graduate Havern and return to regular schools, their success rate is phenomenal. Havern students have a 95 percent high school graduation rate. These are kids who, because of their struggles, would have been at a higher-than-average risk of dropping out.

I spoke with Ellen Hall in September 2019, shortly after she began her tenure as Head of School. She has worked for the school for eight years, previously as Director of Education.

Please share a story that will help us understand how Havern School changes lives.

One recent story that comes to mind is of a student who came to Havern as a fifth grader. He was reading at a first-grade level when he came; his dyslexia was impacting his schooling, his self-esteem and his friendships. He was an extremely hard worker and came to school every day to do what was hardest for him — learn to read. At the end of eighth grade he gave a speech to 120 people about his time at Havern. In this speech he said that when he came to Havern he felt like he was broken and thought he would never learn to read. He explained that not only did he
learn how to read, but he learned skills to be successful in school and he felt confidence in himself.

Now a junior at a local high school, he has made the honor roll. When I spoke with him last month, he told me that school was difficult, but that he knew he would be successful if he worked hard.

Just as we, as educators, have changed the lives of students, they have touched our hearts. We are proud of, and inspired by, their hard work, perseverance and success.

Ellen, what do you most love about Havern School? The community is what makes our school a special place. The students, the families and the faculty all work together toward one goal — the success of our students. Our families make many sacrifices so their children can attend school here — they drive from 48 different zip codes, for instance. The students feel accepted and so do the parents. Faculty all feel a passion for their work and the students. We are truly a family.

What is the school’s biggest challenge? Because we’re an intervention model, we always have students at every grade level joining our school while others are returning to their home schools. That is what we want; we want the kids to gain the skills and go back into the community. Although this can make admissions difficult, we celebrate attrition because it means the kids are ready to be successful in another environment.

What is your dream for Havern? Our goal is to reach more children with learning disabilities. As a school community, we find ourselves often asking, what are ways that we can serve children who are not our students? That’s one reason that the school started the Zarlengo Foundation Learning Evaluation Center at Havern School. It serves kids across the state who need comprehensive learning assessments. We’ve even had children come from Wyoming to get assessments because parents feel it’s hard to get a high level of testing and really good data and information about their child. We are always trying to find new ways to share our knowledge and serve the greater community.

Does the school still feel a connection with Loretto? Absolutely. We still live the legacy of our founders every day. Loretto’s mission of education, justice and service is so aligned with what we do here. We are committed to honoring our history with the Sisters as we grow into our future.
In the early seventies, Judy Popp SL spent a year at the Motherhouse, thinking she would return to teaching the following year. Instead, when a social work position opened up at the nearby Abbey of Gethsemani, she applied. She was hired and hasn’t looked back.

Judy spends an hour in her office three times a week, but the job is not a part-timer. She typically helps around 100 people in a six-month period.

Sometimes, Brother Christian at the monastery calls to ask if she’ll drive out to check on someone. Recently, two people needed assistance, one with rent and the other with rent, utilities and insurance. She keeps boxes of food in her garage to deliver to those in need. Often, leftovers from the Motherhouse dining room will go to a family. Judy says it’s becoming harder for people to get by as the federal government cuts back on food stamps.

Many of her clients are single mothers who don’t receive child support. One woman is raising four children, ages 10, 12, 14 and 16. Another, whose son died a year ago, is raising three girls.

Judy is helping one unemployed man pay for repairs on his father’s old house. As she says of the people she helps, “They just can’t quite make it.”

“I’ll probably keep at it for five more years, until I’m 85.”

I really do enjoy the work. I enjoy the people, talking to them. It really makes me appreciate what I’ve got, as well as the fact that we can help them.

Judy Popp SL
Loretto’s Latin America/Caribbean Committee (LACC) has been on the front lines of the immigration crisis for many years at the Arizona border crossing between the U.S. and Mexico. LACC’s Border Experience provides the opportunity to witness the plight and the experience of U.S.-detained immigrants who have fled violence in Central America. Border Experience participants witness detainees’ housing situations, the legal process (immigration court) and interact with Mexican and American social service agencies providing aid to those seeking asylum in the United States.

Loretto helps fund and support shelters, provides food and necessities and supports migrants in detention centers. All money goes directly to provide food and support to asylum-seekers, not to overhead or other costs.

In 2019, we saw the situation at the border in Nogales, Arizona, change for the worse, a result of federal government policies which spawned child separation and other harsh measures. We were on the ground for three Border Experience trips this year, and each time, the suffering of those seeking refuge had increased.

Those pictured here are from families fleeing their homes in the night because of extreme violence in their towns. The plight of parents bringing their children on an arduous journey with no sure solution in sight is heartbreaking.

LACC is committed to working toward educating people and changing our government policies.
Photos are of families at Arizona shelters.

Top center: Delivering food purchased by Loretto and St. Mary’s Academy teachers, with the Rev. Badnew at right; Loretto co-member Jean East is in gray next to Melissa Feito, Loretto Volunteer, in St. Mary’s shirt.

Right: A child replicates the home she and her family fled.

Photos courtesy Mary Jean Friel Col and used by permission; children’s names withheld for their protection.
Daim is in class four in our school in Lahore. He is 13 years old but his height is only two-and-a-half feet. His parents were getting medicine for him for his height but last year his father died of a sudden heart attack. His mother is illiterate and there is no source of income for herself and three children.

Daim’s mother, Shahnaz, comes from a large and very poor family. Pakistani society is very patriarchal — the birth of a son is considered a blessing and the birth of a girl, a curse. When Shahnaz turned 19, they got her married. She gave birth to her first son, Daim, and the whole family celebrated. Shahnaz was esteemed and pampered. Later came a baby girl and then again, a boy. Then Shahnaz lost her husband. She had no education and had never been out of her house even to buy daily vegetables; she was stunned that she was all alone. She could not go back to her family — she had lost her parents and her two brothers told her clearly that they could not take care of her and her three kids.

People who thought Daim’s mother was lucky because she gave birth to two sons now say she is bad luck for the family since she gave birth to a dwarf and her husband died.

Shahnaz changed after her husband’s death; she does not speak much. She is mostly in her room with her youngest son, who was born a few months after her husband’s death. Our teacher said that Shahnaz has closed her whole self within herself, burying her desires, wishes and ambitions with her husband in his grave. At the same time, she is very protective of her three children. She cooks and cleans for the whole family without complaint.

Thank God the extended family came to her rescue, though they could only take care of the basic needs like food and clothing, not medicine. Daim’s aunt contacted us for help, and we approached a friend of our Loretto Community, Dr. Muhammad Babar Cheema, president of MAC (Muslim Americans for Compassion), who introduced us to one of his physician friends in Pakistan. Daim has started getting injections for his physical growth.
Patricia Jean Manion SL
February 15, 1925—September 12, 2019

PJ, as she was known in Loretto, grew up in St. Louis and attended grade school with Sisters of Loretto as her teachers. She attended Nerinx Hall High School in the old white house, followed by three years at Webster College. She worked as a reporter for the St. Louis Globe Democrat during the summers of 1944 and 1945. During that second summer, she “had a clear experience of saying I would follow the call to join the SLs.” She was professed in 1948 and taught in three schools followed by six years in Sterling, Ill. After earning her master’s at Marquette, she taught at Loretto Heights College and served as assistant to the president. She earned a doctorate at the University of Denver and in 1967 was appointed President of Loretto Heights for a five-year term. Beginning in 1972 PJ pursued various interests: She helped set up the Catholic Worker house in Denver, lived in Zurich studying dream analysis, and did dream work and counseling in Kentucky. A lifelong writer, PJ’s Only One Heart about Mother Praxedes, Beyond the Adobe Wall about Mother Magdalen Hayden in Santa Fe, N.M. and Venture into the Unknown about Loretto in China, have educated and delighted Loretto Community members for many years. In addition, PJ proposed and helped edit Naming Our Truth and Century of Change, written by various Loretto authors, including herself.

Robert Riggs CoL
November 13, 1928 — October 22, 2019

Robert “Bob” Riggs was born in southern Colorado, the youngest of eight. He attended a one-room schoolhouse before the family moved to Trinidad, Colo., when he was in fourth grade. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and V H Q L Q V X D L K W Z H W S G D W K H I L K W D V and delivery departments of two Louisville hospitals for nearly 20 years. Pat was devoted to serving others, both through church and other organizations, including St. Joseph’s Home and Hawthorne Elementary School. Loretto accepted Pat as a co-member in 2004, an important step in her life. She wrote on her co-membership renewal in 2009, “I’m still trying to be the best version of myself through baby steps in God’s direction.” She moved to Nazareth Home in 2017.
Memorials and Tributes of Honor
July 2019 — November 2019

In Memory of:
Requested by:

Barbara Anderson SL
Joy Addiego
Lauretta Bedard
Robert & Patricia Triggs
Mary Boland
Mary Genevieve Cavanaugh SL
Theresa Kinealy*
Thomas Clifford, Sylvia
& deceased Clifford children
Amy Thomas
Michaeola Collins SL
Joan Schlueter
Sarah Maureen Concannon SL
Catherine Ford
Mary Ann Coyle SL
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Christine Pertusi
Dr J ulie Rifkin
Marilyn Cusick
Dorothy Cusick
Mary Aline Dalton SL
Mr & Mrs John Ray Smith
Chad P. Darby
Kelly Marie Darby
Everett Darby Jr
Kelly Marie Darby
DeCourcey Family
Maureen DeCourcey
Colman Dell
Martha Dell
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James O’Connor
Martha Elliot
Ruth Aldridge
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Cecily Jones SL
Martha Alderson*
Helen Jones
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Pat Kenoyer*
Theresa Kinealy*
Dawn Dorsey-Smart
Margaret Rose Knoll SL
Carol Johnson
Julene Kummer
Mr & Mrs Charles Arbogast
Juliet Cleaver
Bill Kvinta
Mr & Mrs Tom Kvinta
Helen Leuer Roberts
Katherine Woodward

Loretto:
Sisters who taught in Shanghai, China
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Ann Manganaro SL
Jessica Maich
Patricia Jean Manion SL
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Mr & Mrs Thomas Derieg
Dawn Dorsey-Smart
Mrs M Fischbach
Rose Marie Hayden
Loretto Community
Rosemary Mason
Katherine Misbauer SL
Rose Marie Hayden
Ann Mueller SL
Mr & Mrs Robert Mueller
Jane Mueller SL
Mr & Mrs Robert Mueller
Monica Mueller
Mr & Mrs Robert Mueller
Mercedes & Eduardo Ochotorena
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Marie Joann Rekart SL
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Dr Catherine Rock
Sheila Sartorius Beims
Loretto Heights College, 1966
Susan Pelz
Mr & Mrs Paul Schmidt
Regina Schmidt
Eldon Shields*
Theresa Kinealy*
Mr & Mrs Tim Mahoney-Lynch
Alice Eugene Tighe SL
Phyllis Tighe
Ann Virginia Tighe SL
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Carolyn Mary Tighe SL
Phyllis Tighe
Helen Tighe
Phyllis Tighe
Mary Lucina Tighe SL
Phyllis Tighe
Emmanuel Tonne SL
Janice Murphy
Toolen Family
Patricia Kratschmer
Rita Triggs
Robert & Patricia Triggs
Joseph & Mae (Dant) Wathen
Joseph Wathen
Jane Wilcox SL
Joan Herman
Rosemary Wilcox SL
Joan Herman
Myra Wisniewski
Mr & Mrs Arthur Ratkewicz
In Honor of:
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Beth Blissman*
Kim Shepard
Mary Peter Bruce SL
Leslee Moore*
Jana Meyers Clark and Joe Clark
50th wedding anniversary
Denise Ann Clifford SL
Mr & Mrs Frank Duke
Eleanor Craig SL
Leslee Moore*
Monica Tapper
Mary Ann Cunningham SL
Eva Antone Ross
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Donna Day SL
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Karel Disponett*
Leslee Moore
Kay Edwards*
Leslee Moore
Bernie Feeney SL
Mary Jane Clabots
Maureen Fiedler SL
Jennifer Morgan
Jeannine Gramick SL
Jennifer Morgan
Joan O'Neill
Rev Paul Thomas
Mary Jo Highland
Mary Highland
Gabriel Mary Hoare SL
Mr & Mrs Thomas Horan
Sharon Kassing SL
Mr & Mrs Robert Havira
Kay Lane SL
Phyllis Tighe
Loretto:
Sisters who taught me
at St Michael's in Houston
Walter W. Sullivan, III

Sally Maresh*
Nancy Cassi
Theresa Kinealy*
Jeanne Orrben*
James Meyer
Mary A. Highland
Leslee Moore*
Lisa Waddell
Jennifer Morgan
Jeffrie Morgan
Dorothy Ortner*
Leslee Moore*
Elaine Prevallet SL
Dale Coski
Dawn Dorey-Smart
Carol Ann Ptacek SL
Mr & Mrs Robert Havira
Helen Santamaria SL
Mr & Mrs Robert Havira
Marlene Spero SL
Gene Fitzpatrick
Kathleen Tighe SL
Phyllis Tighe
Mary Louise (Billie) Vandover SL
Mr & Mrs Robert Havira

Thanksgiving dinner at the Motherhouse; Aggie Hoormann RSCJ, left, and Nancy Wittwer SL raise a toast.
I am so grateful to you all, friends of Loretto. I’ve been sending out thank you notes in response to the fall appeal and so your generosity is right there in front of me, wherever I turn.

Your gifts support our retired sisters. Some reside in the Infirmary. Many are still living in communities, tutoring, visiting the sick and prisoners, offering spiritual direction. They pray for us all. I count on it. You can count on it, too.

A small, strong segment of our readers supported Giving Tuesday on our website, lorettocommunity.org, giving to the Loretto Volunteer Program. We have 14 volunteers currently working in El Paso, Denver, St. Louis, Washington, D.C., and at the United Nations in New York.

You gave donations to put the Infirmary on a firmer financial foundation and you gave wherever funds are needed most, as well as to the Hunger Fund, work in Haiti, and much more. The Infirmary is a big Loretto mission, as is the work of our sisters in Pakistan. We still work in schools in the U.S. as well as at the United Nations. One of our sisters works at a hospital in Uganda. Our Heritage Center is both archives and museum. Besides, our Motherhouse sits on a working farm in central Kentucky. (We just bought a new hay bailer.) Funds are needed everywhere — and some days emergencies happen that challenge our budget. We are grateful to you for helping us make a difference.

Most days our hearts are at the U.S.-Mexico border with the migrants and asylum seekers. Community members work in El Paso, Texas, and Nogales, Arizona. The need is for safe housing and legal assistance. We’ll contribute what we can with your kind help.

Gratefully,

Sister Mary Ann McGivern SL
Development Director
friendship