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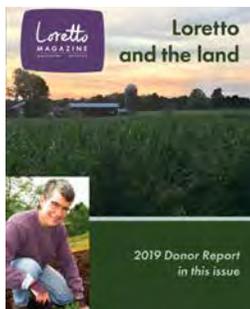
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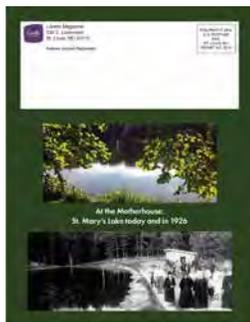
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At the Motherhouse Farm in Kentucky, sorghum-sudangrass is used as hay and a cover crop.
Inset: *Susan Classen CoL planting pollinator habitat above Badin Pond at the Motherhouse.*

(photos: Christina Manweller, Peg Jacobs CoL)



Back cover:
St. Mary's Lake: now and in 1926
 (photos: Christina Manweller, Loretto Archives / Eleanor Craig SL)



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 adults in need. 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 by participating in activities that further our mission.

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Dear Reader,

How are you? In asking that, I'm breaking a rule I learned in third grade: Never begin a letter with "How are you?"

While I cannot recall any explanation for the rule, it was presented in such a way that, until now, I have never broken it.

But these are extraordinary times, these days of the COVID-19 pandemic. And so, the question most on my mind is "how are you?" My question comes with the hope that you are safe and well.

One of our Community members, Sister Pauline Albin, always says, "I am blessed" when anyone asks her how she is. In good times and bad, Sister Pauline can be counted on to say, "I am blessed." And her affirmation makes everyone around her feel blessed as well. As I draft this message in spring, Loretto itself can respond, "We are blessed" when people ask how we are. We are blessed beyond measure with the love, support and prayers we receive from you daily.

In this issue of *Loretto Magazine*, our talented editor, Christina Manweller, brings stories of Loretto life in all its variety to you in words and pictures.

In our more than 200-year history, members of our Community have gone through many outbreaks of cholera, typhoid, influenza and more. This pandemic is larger than any in living memory and it helps us to focus on the critical necessity of our commitment to work for justice and act for peace. COVID-19 is affecting us all, but it is disproportionately affecting those who are already poor and marginalized.

I hope that in each of the stories here you will see the return of your investment in us as we extend our reach beyond ourselves.

Let's always hold each other in our best thought and prayer, and with gratitude to God who calls us to life again and again.

Thank you for helping us to continue our work to create a world in which everyone can joyfully answer, "I am blessed" when responding to the question, "How are you?"

Sincerely,

Barbara Nicholas SL
President of Loretto



Pauline Albin SL with Maddy Herries, former Loretto Volunteer

Smithsonian exhibit group meets at Motherhouse

By Susanna Pyatt, Loretto Heritage Center Curator

The Loretto Heritage Center will host the Smithsonian traveling exhibit “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” at Loretto City Hall in fall 2020 in partnership with the Beautify Loretto Committee and other local partners. We are planning and organizing programs and content specific to the town of Loretto and western Marion County. Our planning meetings are made up of Heritage Center staff and community friends, and include many others connected to the Motherhouse.



Photo: Alecia Ford

Clockwise from left: Joyce Minkler, Susanna Pyatt (Loretto Heritage Center Curator), Ayla Toussaint (Loretto Heritage Center Archivist), Angela Rakes (Loretto Motherhouse Farm director's spouse), Jamie Brown (Marion County teacher), Amanda Mattingly (Loretto Motherhouse Volunteer Director), Michael Bickett (Loretto Motherhouse Service Coordinator), Diane Mattingly (Beautify Loretto), Pat Ford (Marion County Economic Development Director), Marie Lourde Steckler SL and Kay Carlew SL

Kay Carlew SL, front right in the photo above, was active at the Motherhouse and in the local community. Her death on March 11 was a shock to the Community. Please see a short remembrance on page 19 and an in-depth memorial at our website:
<https://www.lorettocommunity.org/category/obituaries/>



A masked Holy Thursday Mass in Denver

It was the most unusual Holy Thursday in memory at Holy Family Church in Denver where Loretto co-member the Reverend Marty Lally celebrated Mass for Loretto via Zoom. A few Community members were in attendance.



Photo: Ruth Routten CoL

From left, Mary Catherine Rabbitt SL, Jeanne Orrben CoL, Sue Kenney CoL, Martha Crawley CoL, Fr. Marty Lally CoL, Cathy Mueller SL, Mary Nelle Gage SL, Pat McCormick SL



Bernheim Roadshow visits Motherhouse

Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest brought its roadshow to the Motherhouse on Feb. 18. A natural gas pipeline threatens the integrity of the 16,000-plus-acre forest—this proposed seizure of conservation land ignores easements that have been put in place to protect the biologically diverse land. This threat, should it become a reality, will have an irreversible impact on Bernheim’s wildlife, clean air and water, visitors and the quality of life throughout surrounding communities.

Left: Mary Swain SL undertakes a letter-writing campaign on behalf of Bernheim. Below left: At center is Jessie Rathburn, Loretto’s Earth Education and Advocacy Coordinator, with Andrew Berry, Director of Conservation, Bernheim Forest, far left, and Bob Ernst CoL. Below: Roadshow attendees included, from left, Terry Mills, former Kentucky State Representative, Mary Swain SL and Kaye Edwards CoL.



Photo: Leslee Moore CoL



Photo: Marie Ego SL

‘The bees are swarming!’

By Christina Manweller

One of the hives tended by Susan Classen released a black humming cloud that was moving up and onward with definite purpose.

Swarming bees can mean the loss of 10,000-plus bees in a matter of minutes. After a rush of excitement, Susan was fortunate; the bees settled in a nearby tree. She was able to corral them and start a brand new hive. Bees swarm when their numbers grow enough to impel a group to go out seeking a new nesting place. Sometimes they can be found and returned; sometimes not.

Bees have been kept at the Motherhouse for more than a century. We would be hard-pressed to eat as we do without honey bees, as they pollinate most fruits and many of the vegetables we eat. It’s estimated that they add \$15 million to the U.S. economy every year in increased crop yields. Starting in 2006, we’ve seen an alarming decline in pollinator numbers, which may well lead to a food crisis.

Planting pollinator habitat has been a priority for Loretto. A Monarch Watch grant helped buy plants for an acre-size pollinator habitat at the Motherhouse above Badin Pond.

“Land,” Susan says, “has its own mission, and our role is to listen to that and call it forth. There can be a tendency even among environmentalists to think ‘we’re going to work to save the land,’ when really the land is offering itself to all of us and we need to cooperate with that.”

Susan speaks of her role as Eco-Systems Manager as one “that includes working with the bees, the natural burial cemeteries, some of the areas of the land that are conservation areas, like the pollinator habitats and the woods, making trails and maps, and I’ve been doing some work with the arborist who’s working with the trees on the main campus.” She is also on the Farm and Land Committee, which focuses on “the values base of how the farm is managed, how that fits with Loretto’s priorities, its values.”

Climate change and its unpredictability is incredibly hard on the land. When I visited last October, the normally-green Motherhouse campus was brown; the leaves on trees were dropping without turning vibrant autumn colors. Everywhere I looked there was evidence of stressed ecosystems. On that visit, Farm Manager Cody Rakes said, “Last year we got more rainfall than any year on record; last September was the highest rainfall of a September in any given year in data history. This September was the driest September in history.”

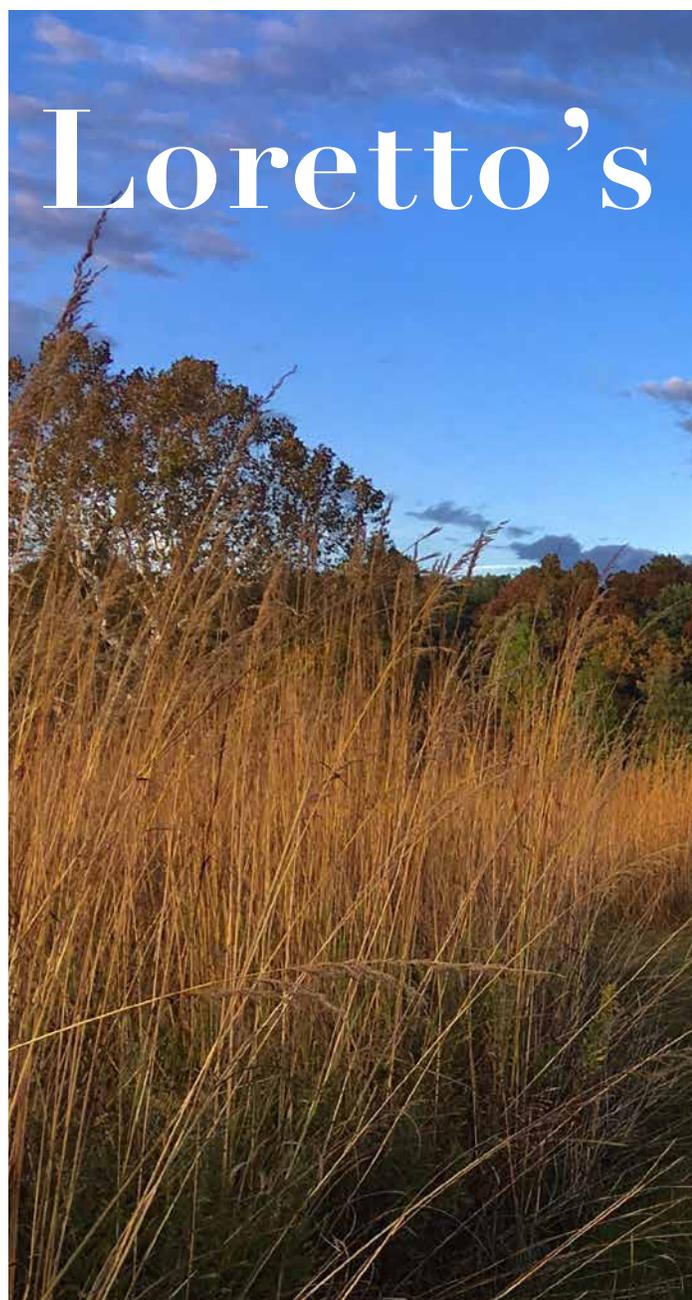
The fact is, we can’t do much to control upheaval wrought by unpredictable weather. Loretto is committed to educating

Community members and others about the changes that we as a species must make to restore the earth’s health and keep it habitable for all of life, and for the generations after us.

Some of the steps Loretto is taking to carefully manage and conserve the land in the face of environmental degradation:

- researching and implementing the most effective methods to reduce our carbon footprint
- planting pollinator habitat
- controlling invasive species
- using farming best practices (see pages 10-11)

For information visit <https://www.lorettocommunity.org/how-we-serve/environment/farm-land/>



We in the Loretto Community understand that our mission to work for justice and act for peace must include care of the land which is entrusted to us. We therefore commit ourselves to tend the land with respect for its integrity, conscious of:

- the capacity of land to be a sacrament of God's beauty and goodness, reflecting God's creativity and bounty in myriad, interdependent life forms;
- the necessity to recognize our human dependence upon the larger whole, and to tend the land in such a way that all life is enhanced and protected, and that the variety of ecosystems is sustained.

Loretto Land Ethic



Photo: Ruth Routten CoL

Susan Classen CoL,
Loretto Eco-Systems Manager

promise to the land



Photo: Christina Manweller



Father Howlett blessing the hives, 1920

Historic photos courtesy Loretto Archives



Photo: Christina Manweller

‘Those responsible for land at any particular time should regard it as a sacred trust, received with gratitude, tended with care for its integrity and long-term sustainability.’

Loretto Land Ethic



Valena Eppler SL in the greenhouse, undated photo, early 20th century

Photo by Peg Jacobs CoL



Standing, from left, harvesting honey are Alicia Ramirez SL and Sue Charmley SL. Susan Classen CoL is kneeling and Eleanor Craig SL looks on.



Photo: Marie Ego SL

Mary Swain SL checks the barn for new calves.



Running a farm

Caring for Earth

‘The studies that have been done about regenerative agriculture, that’s really what Cody is already doing in many aspects.’

Susan Classen CoL, Eco-Systems Manager

By Christina Manweller

Farmers, working hard to produce crops and put food on our tables, bear much of the burden of a changing climate.

“I’m checking the weather multiple times a day,” says Cody Rakes, Loretto Farm Manager. “Accurate weather forecasts are extremely important. It seems to be increasingly difficult with the more extreme climatic conditions.”

Heavy rains in 2018 were followed by a drought in 2019. Last summer, it barely rained; September was the driest month in Kentucky meteorological history. Shades of brown prevailed in October.

These vacillations create real and increasing challenges. The extreme rains in 2018 saturated the limestone bedrock, causing the surface to give way in places. “I have a mental map of where sinkholes are at so I avoid them,” Cody says. Last April, he was crossing one of the fields on the farm’s big tractor when a front tire fell into a 4-foot-deep hole, breaking the axle. “When I planted the wheat in the fall, that hole wasn’t there.

“That particular tractor is probably used 500-to-600 engine hours per year and about 400 of those hours are in April, May and June. This was the third day I’d used it since the previous fall. I couldn’t find one that size to rent and we didn’t get the tractor back until the end of June.” He shakes his head. “That was a challenging experience!”

Cody offers a tour of the fields, pointing out those planted in corn, sorghum-sudangrass (a drought-tolerant annual loved by cattle), native grasses and wildflowers, plus the woodlands.

The cattle roam a large field near the barn. Over the next days, I enjoy visiting the newborns at the barn, watching them grow from inert lumps at their mothers’ feet to stumbling calves. Soon they will be cavorting in the field.

A Kentuckian, a family man

Cody grew up on a farm across Marion County from Loretto. He graduated debt-free from the University of Kentucky. “When I went to college, I probably had 10 cows. That served as a college fund.”

When I visited, Cody’s wife was pregnant with their second child. He and his wife now have two beautiful children, beloved by the community. The family lives up the road a piece.

Educating farmers

“I have a research background. I enjoy trying different things, seeing how they work, collecting data.” Cody’s degree in agricultural education, his research and extensive knowledge, all benefit local farmers through educational opportunities hosted at the Motherhouse Farm.

The programs routinely draw 75-80 farmers, and have included sessions on foraging, cover crops, water systems,

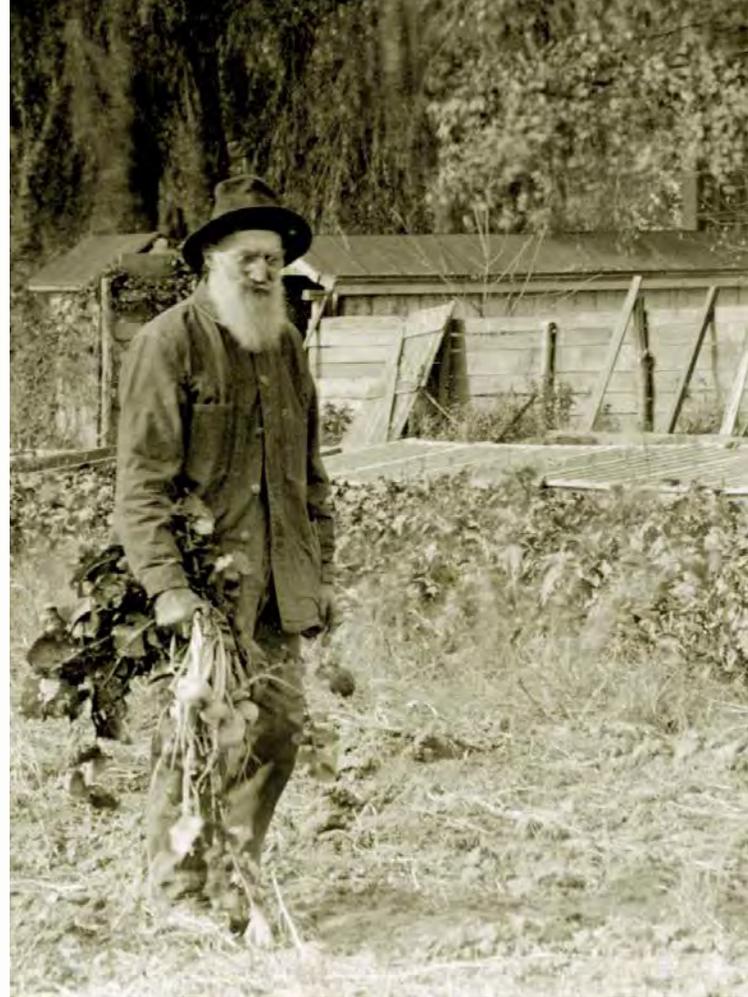
fencing and weeds. Cody says, “Pretty much everybody who comes to field day has said they were going to adopt some of what they’ve learned.”

The Motherhouse’s vast 789 acres

Cody informs me that an acre is roughly the size of a football field: 43,560 square feet. Cody is, in fact, a fount of knowledge. It’s clear why his field days are well-attended. “On the farm we’ve got about 300 acres in woodlands; about 200 in pasture and hay; 200 acres in row crops (corn, soybeans) — and we also do cover-cropping on those acres; 25 or 30 acres of water—lakes, ponds, streams; and 78 acres in the USDA’s Conservation Reserve Program [currently planted in native grasses, native wildflowers and mixed hardwood trees]. The balance is the campus area.”

Farming best practices employed

- **Rotational grazing:** by moving cattle out of a field after a week, plants have a chance to regrow.
- **No tillage:** disturbing the soil as little as possible.
- **Focusing on building the soil.**
- **Rotating crops:** helps with soil health, minimizes pests and weeds.
- **Cover crops:** planted immediately after a field is harvested, they hold nutrients in the plant-available layer so they’re not washed away into groundwater. A cover crop is dense and helps control weeds. Once mowed down, it acts as a mulch, holding in water and again inhibiting weed growth. Cover crops can be harvested for hay.
- **Minimizing** the use of herbicides and synthetic fertilizers.
- **Growing** non-GMO corn and soybeans.



Above: Look at those beets! Undated photo courtesy Loretto Archives captioned “Gardener Mr. Henkle and his hot beds.”

Upper left, Cody Rakes, Farm Manager, repairing the tractor. Photo: Christina Manweller

Below, cattle on the farm, October 2019. Because of the drought, calves born last fall were lower birth-weight than normal. Photo: Christina Manweller

‘A strong, growing movement of people across the nation is calling for new policies and practices related to food. Our experience of working this land and our efforts to transition to sustainable farming practices is educating us to the issues farmers face. We can share that experience with others and support policies that are needed for small farmers to succeed.’

Loretto’s Farm and Land Mission Statement



Loretto Volunteer Becca Krasky devotes herself to living in community

Having Becca Krasky at Angelica Village is a blessing. She is kind, engaging, brings new ideas and will help wherever needed. It is great to have the perspective of a young social justice advocate. Her wisdom brings us hope.

Jean East CoL



‘I’ve been

*By Mallory Daily
Former Director, Loretto Volunteer Program*

Five years ago, Loretto co-member Jean East began helping a former student, Renata Heberton, realize her dream to start an intentional community for individuals and families displaced by war, violence, poverty and racism. Angelica Village seeks to create community living spaces that support each person’s humanity, bringing hope and healing to the world. The organization started with two homes — one for refugees and unaccompanied minors, and the other for a displaced family. Now, the Village is a constellation of eight homes that provide shelter and comfort for formerly homeless and immigrant families.

“Many social service organizations work with one ‘population’ or group of people ... but Angelica Village is different. We welcome formerly homeless families, unaccompanied refugee youth, immigrant and refugee families, and people supportive of our mission,” said Loretto Volunteer Becca Krasky. “So, I’ve been learning a lot about intersectionality and the amazing things that come from building diverse community spaces that celebrate our common humanity.”

Becca has a strong passion for building community-based climate justice solutions. She says her work at Angelica

Village has helped her further understand that efforts to protect our earth must also address access to housing and health care, immigration services, racial justice and indigenous sovereignty.

“I deeply believe that growing our own food and restoring the land is essential to reconnecting humanity to our earth,” said Becca. “We recognize that the harm done to the land mirrors harm done to people, and that the healing of human trauma can only come from the healing of the earth.”

Becca’s future plans are simple, yet profound: always to live in intentional community and always to grow a garden.

The relationship between Loretto Volunteers and the organizations they serve aspires to be creatively and radically reciprocal. Volunteers like Becca receive valuable professional experience, and the organizations they serve receive the support of an energetic, dedicated young person eager to “work for justice and act for peace.”

Loretto Volunteers follow in the footsteps of Loretto Community members as they live in intentional community and serve full time at nonprofits around the country for at least one year. The program places volunteers in El Paso, Denver, St. Louis, Washington, D.C., and New York City. Learn more at www.lorettovolunteers.org.



Above, residents participate in a recycling workshop organized by Loretto Volunteer Becca Krasky. She helps coordinate Angelica Village's sustainability efforts, in addition to contributing to the everyday operations of the intentional community.

Below, Becca prepares salsa with tomatoes grown at Angelica Village.

Photos: Amy Van Der Kamp

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Becca Krasky, Loretto Volunteer

Update from Becca Krasky:

Many of our youth and adult housing partners are now unemployed because of the coronavirus. Most of our community members are not eligible for the government stimulus or unemployment checks, unfortunately, especially our undocumented youth and families. As an organization, we are thus facing a higher-than-anticipated need for housing and rent support, which will stretch our budget. With all of our children and youth out of school, we're also stretched trying to support them with their distance learning.

Photo: Renata Heberton



Through Loretto Link we extend our mission into the future

‘Loretto came to be and comes to be through the creative Spirit of God, whose grace worked powerfully in our founders and continues to work in the community as a whole and in each of its members.’

Loretto Constitutions



By Barbara Roche SL

Loretto Link is the most recent illustration of the Spirit at work in Loretto. It is one of many ways in which we are addressing the challenges of planning for the future.

The Loretto Community, gathered in Assembly in July 2017, affirmed the formation of a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation to carry forward the mission and spirit of Loretto in companionship with the Congregation (vowed sisters) and Community (vowed sisters and co-members) of Loretto. Out of that resolution has come Loretto Link.

We know that we are aging, but we also know that our values of working for justice and acting for peace are shared by many inside and outside of the Community. Loretto Link allows us to create a spiritual community in which there is equal participation and a voice for all who choose to belong. Approximately 140 Loretto Community members are members of Link. We are working on a process for opening our membership to persons who are not members of the Loretto Community.

Walking with confidence into the future, Link’s decisions will reflect our understanding of and commitment to the sacred unity of creation, as well as our continued commitment to work for justice and act for peace. We embrace cooperative dialogue, openness and a spirit of trust.

For information about Link, please see www.lorettolink.org or email info@lorettolink.org.

Martha Crawley CoL, left, and Sue Kenney CoL at a Link meeting at the Motherhouse in 2019



Photo: Paulette Peterson CoL

One of our most basic rights ...

... endowed by their Creator

... certain unalienable Rights



By Kim Klein CoL

*... Life, Liberty
and the pursuit
of Happiness*

As of this writing, most of us are sheltering in place to protect ourselves and others from COVID-19. We are experiencing very personally how keeping all of us safe requires limiting our rights to congregate and travel, and this is leading to some interesting debates about various kinds of rights.

One right we have which is neither published widely nor highly observed is the right to name what will happen to all that we own after we are gone. Your “last will and testament” dictates who will inherit all that you did not give away during your lifetime.

In the United States, only 40 percent of people make a will or an estate plan, and of those, only 8 percent leave money to charity.

Why do so few of us exercise this right? Even though we know we are going to die, we don’t like to think about that eventuality, and we may be intimidated by the process of creating an estate plan. We imagine it will be complicated or require lawyers, and we may think we really don’t own enough to make it worth the effort.

If we think about the people we love, what we believe in, the many ways we have worked to make the world a better place, we realize that when we create an estate plan, we make a statement to the people and organizations we love; we want to continue to help them once we are no longer here.

Remembering Loretto

Here at Loretto, we have been working for justice and acting for peace and for more than 200 years, and we hope to continue in one form or another for another 200 years. We invite all of our readers to join us by doing two things:

- 1) Create a will or estate plan, if you haven’t already, or make sure it is up to date if you have one.
- 2) Make Loretto one of your beneficiaries.

If you already have done both of these, please let us know. And please know how appreciative we are.

How to exercise your right

The easiest way to remember Loretto, or any organization or person, is through a bequest. A bequest can be changed at any time and can take many forms.

Here are the most common types of bequests:

A Fixed Amount of Money or Designated Property

“I give and bequeath to the Sisters of Loretto, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Kentucky, \$ _____” (or describe the real or personal property, including exact location).

A Percentage of the Estate

“I give and bequeath to the Sisters of Loretto, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Kentucky, _____% of my estate.”

A Residual Bequest

“All the residue of my estate, including real and personal property, I give and bequeath to the Sisters of Loretto, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Kentucky.”

A Contingent Bequest

“If [primary beneficiary] does not survive me, then I hereby give and bequeath to the Sisters of Loretto, a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Kentucky, DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY to be used for the Sisters of Loretto general use and purpose.”

The Loretto Community has been able to run schools, colleges, programs to help the poor, to address oppression, and to work here in the United States and internationally, in part because of the generosity of people who have gone before us. We promise to be present for the people who come after us, and we invite you to join us.

Whether your bequest is \$100 or \$1 million, whether it is your bicycle or your house, whether it is 1 percent or 100 percent of your estate, you know that what you cared about in your lifetime will continue as your legacy. This is your right.

We thank you in advance for thinking of Loretto as you make your will or estate plan.

If you have questions or want more information, please call Development Director Mary Ann McGivern SL: 314.324.1050. Email her at developmentdirector@lorettocommunity.org

Pakistan: Helping our neighbors protect

By Nasreen Daniel SL

The whole of humanity is grappling with the coronavirus. In Pakistan, after the appearance of COVID-19, the price of masks drastically increased. Poor people all over Pakistan cannot afford to buy the masks. In Bagrian Lahore, a slum area, .2 percent of people are wearing masks. With the help of LEWP (Loretto Empowering Women of Pakistan), we started making masks and sharing with anyone who needed one. We do not ask to what cast or creed they belong. All who are passing by our gate get the masks.

Our watchman stands outside the gate and distributes. You may wonder why we sisters cannot stand outside the gate and distribute, since we make and provide the masks. It is cultural; we women cannot stop a man without a mask and offer him one; therefore our watchman and driver do that job for us.

Most people in our area do not have electricity so they cannot hear or see the news and are not informed of the seriousness of the coronavirus. We made a big banner and have it outside our home and school. On it we wrote the coronavirus preventive methods in Urdu so everyone could read them. We also drew pictures with the words so that people who cannot read can understand the preventive methods.



Clockwise from above: sewing masks for neighbors in Lahore; sign made by the women detailing coronavirus protections in Urdu; preparing masks for distribution; giving out the masks



themselves



Photos by Nasreen Daniel SL



نوول کورونا وائرس

خود کو اور دوسروں کو بچانے کیلئے چند تدابیر



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Cecily Jones: a poet for today

By Martha Alderson CoL

The *Porch of Possibility, Vol. II*, by Cecily Jones SL (1924–2017), is available for purchase. The book, published in 2018, includes 33 poems, most composed after Vol. I was published in 2013, but there are a few older poems that were found among Cecily’s private papers. Below is an excerpt from the collection’s title poem. “The Porch of Possibility” takes us into the future, which was a gift of Cecily’s.

“In a Certain Light,” a complete poem from the collection, is a metaphor for faith in dark and in bright times. There are more, each fascinating and inspiring.



The Porch of Possibility (excerpt)

Like the dawn that wrestles us awake
or dusk enfolding us,
without our ushering or consent
the future boldly comes.
Not missioned grandly to its making
(willy-nilly it will arrive),
we must plumb the possible
where deeds and dreams abide.

...

On porch of possibility
the Spirit gently bides
as windows focus vision
and doors keep swinging wide.

In a Certain Light

“The Truth must dazzle gradually.”
– Emily Dickinson

In a certain light
I see a faintest arch
grooved into the whitebricked wall,
like thumbprint drawn on dusty shelf,
where once a window let in golden streams.

With art the lemon glow
from window’s twin bestows asymmetry,
but were there other goals for blocking off,
some scheme to halve the light?

Would the brilliance pierce me twice
if panes were still in place?
Could I discern beyond the trough
indented mortar makes
in a certain light?

This narrowness of gleam,
this funneling of rays
may thinner focus luster
the twins of glass had made.

I squint to seek the arch’s trace
and muse upon the vacant hues.
Emblazoned be the Mystery,
though dim or even dark,
when shadings of the luminous
create a prism of belief
in uncertain certain light.

Cecily Jones
August 2013

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Books are \$10 plus postage

Kay Carlew SL

December 3, 1942 — March 11, 2020

Kay Carlew grew up in St. Louis and attended high school at Nerinx Hall, entering the Sisters of Loretto after graduation. She spent nearly her entire religious life working at or near the Motherhouse. She taught math in Washington County Public Schools for 10 years, where she also started the girls' sports program and coached basketball and track. She worked at the Motherhouse for the next 30 years: as comptroller, followed by 20 years as Infirmary Administrator. She served on the Marion County Public School Board for 16 years, five of those as Chairwoman. In the past decade, Kay expanded her commitments to the Loretto Child Care Center, the Democratic Women's Clubs of Washington and Marion counties and the Coordinating Board for the Motherhouse. All these and other works Kay entered into with characteristic energy and persistence.



Jossy Eyre CoL

March 26, 1931 — April 20, 2020

Josephina, the eighth of 10 children, was born in Holland in 1931. After the Nazis invaded Holland in 1940 every aspect of life changed. In 1947 her family emigrated to the United States. Jossy went to school, moved to Denver, married and had four children. She was involved with Loretto from the 1970s, becoming a co-member in 2004. Because of her life experience, Jossy had a sensitivity for people who were struggling, who had no control over their lives and felt hopeless. In 1989, she founded the Women's Bean Project, a nonprofit that helps women experiencing homelessness by providing jobs. She reached out to refugees in Denver as well as in Uganda. She trained catechists and worked with child-mothers who had been kidnapped.



Nancy Finneran SL

February 27, 1935 — April 25, 2020

Nancy Finneran grew up in St. Louis, attending St. Rose Grade School and Loretto Academy, graduating in 1952 and joining the Sisters of Loretto. Nancy taught in various schools for 14 years and in 1973 explored opportunities for direct social service and political action. For the next 30 years she devoted herself to work for "what can be" on behalf of the Loretto Community. For 14 years she worked on the central staff as resource coordinator for the Loretto Justice and Peace office, then 12 years at the United Nations as NGO representative and as a volunteer. In the following years, Nancy worked with various non-profits until she retired. Nancy died on Foundation Day 2020, 67 years to the day of her reception into Loretto.



Anne Spillane CoL

June 4, 1927 — April 23, 2020

Anne Spillane, Nancy to her family, was born in St. Louis and educated at Nerinx Hall and Webster College. She was called "everyone's best friend," so well did she fulfill that role. Known as Sister Lucian, from 1947 to 1971, she served Loretto in many capacities — teacher at Mary Queen of Peace in Webster Groves, Mo., and other schools; the youngest Catholic school principal in St. Louis (St. Ferdinand); provincial councilor; education director in Fairfield, Iowa, coordinator of Loretto's co-membership services and member of committees. Between her time as a Sister of Loretto and rejoining the community as a co-member in 1984, Anne worked in publishing as a reading consultant and in sales. Her work with Loretto was valued both for her expertise and for her continual good humor.



Unabridged remembrances are found on the website:
<https://www.lorettocommunity.org/category/obituaries/>

Memorials and Tributes of Honor December 2019 — February 2020

In Memory of:
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Mr and Mrs Christopher Jones

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Marian Bell

Emily O'Neill

Jane and Henry Stoever

Dr Earl Bach

Mr and Mrs Robert Allan

Judy Bacon Harding

Loretto Heights College, 1963

Dr and Mrs Michael Dunn

Mary Ann Beckmann

Bruce Beckmann

Louise Bell

Marian Bell

Martha Bickott

Mr and Mrs Joseph Hummel

Edwardine Boone SL

Mr and Mrs Thomas Wargel

Mary Grace Boone SL

Mr and Mrs James Rogers

Mr and Mrs Thomas Wargel

Rosita Boone SL

Mr and Mrs Thomas Wargel

Bernadette Bowling SL

Mr and Mrs Brian Rosendale

Mary Martin Bowling

Mr and Mrs Brian Rosendale

Kevin Bradt SJ

Mr and Mrs Henry Ferraioli

Mary Roger Brennan SL

Karen Erickson

Robert and Elaine Brennan

Mr and Mrs Anton Lubeley

Dolores "Dolly" Jean Calerich

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Katy Campbell

Suzanne Berry

John and Marie Carroll

Joan Palazzotto

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Dorothy Cusick

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Barbara Rancour

Marian Disch SL

Joan Donnelly

Lois Elliott O'Connor

Loretto Heights College, 1948

James O'Connor

Margaret Grace Elsey SL

Mary Jean and Rodney Brod

Anne Ferras Remedios

Vincent Remedios



Spring at the Motherhouse by Donna Mattingly SL



Photo: Christina Manweller

Joseph Fitzgerald

Bonnie Frost Fitzgerald

Paula Frey

Alfred Frey

Ann Francis Gleason SL

Carol Mattingly

Paul Goodell

Emma and George Steen

Esther Marie Goodrow SL

John Bell

Jacqueline Grennan Wexler*

Mr and Mrs Charles Grennan

Matthew Marie Grennan SL

Mr and Mrs Charles Grennan

Paul Mary Grennan SL

Mr and Mrs Charles Grennan

Barbara Hand

Theresa Cannon

Mary Hareld

Sandra Hareld*

Marie Noel Hebert SL

James Hebert

Janice Hopkins

Mr and Mrs Thomas Tokarski

Patricia Hughes*

Brian Ante

Rosemary Bell

Patricia Dunagen

Linda Graham

Mr and Mrs James Rice

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Mr and Mrs John Vaughan

Margaret Ann Hummel SL

Mr and Mrs Joseph Hummel

Mary Jane Hummel SL

Mr and Mrs Joseph Hummel

Norbert Hummel

Mr and Mrs Joseph Hummel

Patricia Hummel SL

Mr and Mrs Joseph Hummel

Charles Joseph Jamail

Mr and Mrs Jim Jamail

Cecily Jones SL

Martha Alderson*

Mr and Mrs Griffith Jones

Kathryn McNamee

Emily O'Neill

Renaissance Charitable Foundation

Bernice Juen SL

Miriam Chen

Patricia Anne Kaiser

Mr and Mrs Gerald Becker

Kan Family

Mr and Mrs Peter Kan

James and Margaret Keane

Margaret E Keane

John Ahern Keating

and Betsy Keating Meehan,
both taught by Angelus Caron SL,

St. Ann's Arlington VA

Judith Keating

Eileen Kelly SL

Mr and Mrs Robert Tiernan

Patricia Kelly

Loretto Heights College

Mr and Mrs Edward Skiba

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Beth Blissman*

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Daniel S Klein

Lorraine Saulino-Klein

Margaret Rose Knoll SL

Carole Johnson

Mary Jane Koetting

Mr and Mrs John Sunkel

Louis Marie Kroeger SL

Larry Kroeger

Helen Leuer Roberts

Katherine Woodward

Paschalita Linehan SL

Julie McGreener-Morley

Loretto:

Early pioneer sisters

Rev Joseph Spina OSF

Loretto:

Sisters who taught

at Loretto Academy, Kansas City MO

Sharon Mickelson

Mary Angela Lynn SL

Mr and Mrs Michael Burke

Mary Mangan SL

Richard Fox

Patricia Jean Manion SL

Jana Meyer Clark

Mallory Daily

Theora Lechner Evans

Joseph Thomas Manion

Rosemary Mason

Marasco Family

Helen Teter

Edwin Mary McBride SL

Mr and Mrs Christopher Congalton

Cynthia Giguere-Unrein

Frances Hopp

Jane (Fitzsimons) Molgaard

Allan Molgaard

Ann Mueller SL

Mark Currington

Newton Family

Helen Teter

Maureen O'Connell SL

Mr and Mrs Richard Scott

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Mr and Mrs Gerald Stoverink
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Mr and Mrs Galen Graham

Lucy Ruth Rawe SL

John Rawe

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Rene Lusser

Ephrem Schlagel SL

Judy Varley

Huberta Schlagel SL

Judy Varley

Frances Schwartzman Riley

Loretto Heights College, 1957

Robert Lee Riley

Margaret Michelle Skees SL

***Principal, Guardian Angel
School, Louisville KY, 1953***

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Ginna Vinson

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Betty J Weaver

Mr and Mrs J Michael Ballard

CJ and Esther Webre

Pat Montgomery

Ann White SL

Bertha Timmel

Mr and Mrs John David White

Margaret White

Marian Bell

Ann Madeleine Willard SL

Betty and Bruce James

David Winston

Charles Winston

Linda Winston

Charles Winston

Wittenbrink Ellen

Boniface Wittenbrink



Spring at the Motherhouse; photos on pages 22 and 23 by Donna Mattingly SL

In Honor of:

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Martha Creek's birthday

Laura Pitvorec

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Mr and Mrs Timothy Parker

Antoinette Doyle SL

Mr and Mrs Christopher Congalton

Cynthia Giguere-Unrein

Marie Ego SL

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David Schoeni

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Pat Geier*

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Denis Noonan

Marietta Goy SL

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Ellen Hummel

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Ann Kammiem* Retirement

Anna Brown

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Sue Kenney's* Christmas dinner guests

James and Dr Beth Rush Nollenberger

Eileen Kersgieter SL

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Mr and Mrs Dale Knight

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Kay Lane SL

Thomas Tighe

Linda Lennatz Beoben

Frances Fryberger

Loretto Community

John Taraskiewicz

Loretto High School

Louisville, KY Class of 1964

Nancy Horrell Bash

Loretto: All Volunteers and Coordinators

Claudia Calzetta SL

Loretto:

Sisters who taught me at Loretto Heights 1964-1967

Maria Codinach

Loretto:

Webster University friends

Carol Thompson

Mary Frances Lottes SL

Mr and Mrs Thomas Morrison

Sally Maresh*

Nancy Cassi

Christa and Andy, Theo, Jonathan Miniuks

David Schoeni

Cathy Mueller SL

Frances Anne Kelly

Angela Murphy SL

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Robert and Cece Holt

Frances Hopp

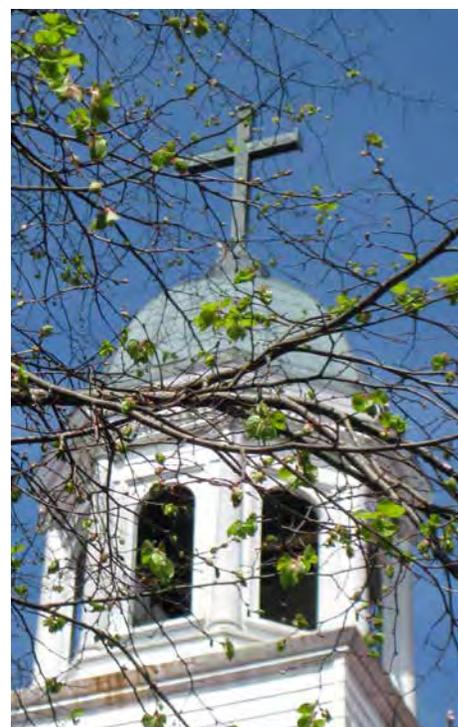
Col and Mrs John McTasney

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Dale Coski



In Honor of:
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Dogwood blossom: Marie Ego SL

Terry and Libby Schoeni

David Schoeni

***Brian and Megan, Malena,
Corrine and Lucinda Schoeni***

David Schoeni

Agnes Ann Schum SL

Mr and Mrs David George

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Mr and Mrs John Veatch

Marie Lourde Steckler SL

Mr and Mrs Sanford Steckler

Mary Swain SL

Mr and Mrs Thomas Morrison

David Schoeni

Kathleen Tighe SL

Kathleen O'Renick

Mr and Mrs Dennis Rabbitt

Thomas Tighe

Mary Louise (Bilie) Vandover SL

Mr and Mrs John Vandover Jr

Kathleen Vonderhaar SL

Rosemary Casey*

Heidi Wargel

Mr and Mrs Thomas Wargel

Kathy Wright SL

Mary Gavin

Mary Ann Wyrsh

Gerard Wyrsh



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From top: Samina Iqbal SL and Irma Avila SL; Barb Mecker CoL and Maureen O'Connell SL; Sally Dunne CoL and Molly Butler, former Loretto Volunteer, at the UN

2019 Annual Donor Report

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Dear friends of Loretto,

The Sisters and Co-Members of Loretto are so grateful to you. Your generosity powers our work. 1,030 donors made 1,744 gifts to Loretto, totaling \$902,197.38. It is an amazing outpouring of love in action.

Wherever Funds Are Most Needed: 530 donors \$424,107

Your confidence in our work shines. Choosing this option gives us maximum flexibility for meeting immediate or unanticipated needs.

Sisters' Retirement: 233 donors \$192,773

Funds given here ensure that just provision is made for the retirement of Sisters of Loretto who received little or no compensation for their work. Thank you for your ongoing concern and help.

Motherhouse Infirmary: 132 donors \$49,782

Our Infirmary provides care to Loretto Community members, including sisters, family of staff members, co-members and families and friends of Loretto. I wrote to you last fall about the need to subsidize their care and you responded with full hearts.

We rejoice in these gifts, thanking God for your continuing generosity. We pray for the health and safety of you and your loved ones. Know that the prayers of the entire Loretto Community are with you.

May Ann

Sister Mary Ann McGivern SL
Development Director

Loretto Volunteer Program	82 donors	\$16,865
Hunger Fund	43 donors	\$17,958
Loretto Heritage Center	29 donors	\$12,588
Loretto in Pakistan	28 donors	\$21,465
Carbon Offset Fund	17 donors	\$3,491
J. Gramick SL Ministry	16 donors	\$6,240
Immigration Work	14 donors	\$7,399
Committee Work	8 donors	\$2,255
Individual Work	7 donors	\$2,050
Loretto Heights Cemetery	6 donors	\$1,653
Loretto Academy	1 donor	\$5,000
Total		\$763,626

Gifts Loretto passes on to other organizations:

Work in Haiti	26 donors	\$115,575
Mary Luke Tobin Scholarship	12 donors	\$6,475
Akokoamong School, Ghana	5 donors	\$11,546
Ann Manganaro Fund	4 donors	\$1,625
Annunciation House	4 donors	\$3,350
Total		\$138,571



Sisters in Pakistan: Nasreen Daniel SL,
Samina Iqbal SL and Maria Daniel SL
Photos above and top right: Jean M. Schildz

Designated funds

Carbon Offset Fund

Mitigates damage caused by carbon use; includes planting trees and other environmental remediation.

Committee Work

Includes Peace, the Feminism and Earth networks, retreat work, recycling and United Nations operations.

Hunger Fund

Distributes funds to groups or individuals dedicated to feeding the hungry.



Immigration Support

To house and feed migrants, meet and provide bail for detainees, meet buses, support and work with groups on the ground, organize, lobby and advocate for change.

Jeannine Gramick SL Ministry

Advocates for LGBTQ+ rights and for those who support these rights, especially Catholics, through New Ways Ministry.

Loretto Academy Scholarships

For students to attend Loretto's elementary, middle and secondary school in El Paso, Texas.

Loretto Heights Campus Cemetery

For headstone repair and maintenance once ownership is resolved.

Loretto Heritage Center: Archives and Museum

Documents the history of Loretto from its founding in 1812 to the present, including artifact preservation and richly interpretive exhibits.

Loretto in Pakistan

Serves Catholic, Protestant and Muslim students who come from poor families. The Sewing Circle



Mary Peter Bruce SL and Amanda Mattingly, staff member

teaches women literacy, gardening, cooking and sewing. One of the sisters teaches theology in the seminary and another teaches installation of solar panels.

Loretto Members

Receive gifts of support for social service, writing and leadership work.

Loretto Volunteer Program

Extends the reach of Loretto values to those most in need through service at immigrant and refugee advocacy organizations, health clinics, shelters, food pantries, Loretto schools and the United Nations. Loretto Volunteers serve one-year terms and live in community with other volunteers.

Gifts Loretto passes to others

Ann Manganaro Fund

Continues support to this clinic Sister Ann founded in Guarjila, El Salvador, long after Ann's death at age 47.

Annunciation House

In El Paso, Texas, is directed by Ruben Garcia and provides refuge for migrants and asylum seekers.

Akokoamong Ghana School

Built with Loretto assistance, the school is operated by the Daughters of the Most Blessed Trinity (FST), a Loretto Sister Community.

Mary Luke Tobin Award (Scholarship)

Holy Family High School in Denver annually awards this scholarship in honor of Mary Luke Tobin, a Sister of Loretto who taught Loretto and other Catholic religious communities not to be afraid of change.

Work in Haiti

Loretto Co-member Barbara Wander raises and distributes money in Haiti, especially in support of the Little Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, local crafters and scholarship students.



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