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Looking into the fire of grief

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tireless work  
to abolish  
nuclear weapons**

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### Front cover:

**Artwork:** "Cranes Across the Moon," by Elizabeth Grant, artist living in the U.K. Elizabeth writes: "I was so moved by the story of Sadako's *One Thousand Paper Cranes*, I created a body of work based on it. 'I will write peace on your wings and you will fly all over the world.' These are the words of Sadako Sasaki, a Japanese girl who, in 1955, at the age of 12, developed leukemia from the effects of radiation caused by the bombing of Hiroshima."

(See sidebar on page 13 for more about Sadako Sasaki.)

### Back cover:

**Artwork:** From "Cranes Across the Moon," by Elizabeth Grant.

**Photo:** Loretto Community members participated in "The Ribbon" event at the Pentagon in 1985 to protest nuclear weapons. See page 10, under the heading "Washington, D.C." for more. (Photo: Loretto Archives)



## 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 Co-members.

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*Dear Reader,*

You will find much to appreciate in this issue of Loretto Magazine. If you read as I do at times, back to front, you may first of all discover your name in the extravagant list of donors to Loretto in 2020. We are profoundly grateful for each of you.

You may recognize among the remembrances of beloved Loretto Community members who died a favorite teacher or friend. Our grief at the loss of these individuals has been unspeakable even as we gathered in Zoom connections to commemorate these lives well lived. Karen Cassidy CoL's piece on grieving gives insight into ways to manage this experience that we all share particularly during this time of pandemic.

Reading further, you will discover some of the ways that your contributions to Loretto are translated into works of service in the care of persons in need across the globe. Picture yourself right there alongside members of the Loretto Community and Loretto Volunteers in addition to all the meaningful ways in your own life that you bring life and light to others. In none of these ways do we act alone, even during these challenging times that may find us feeling isolated and in the dark.

During these months, it is as if we have been held in a prolonged darkness of unknowing: Would a vaccine be developed in time to end the COVID-19 pandemic? We have longed for relief from isolation and distancing from one another. It has been a challenge these days to remain optimistic.

I'm reminded of the lines in Denise Levertov's poem, "Beginners": "We have only begun to imagine the fullness of life. How could we tire of hope? — so much is in bud."

To see the ancient rhododendron at my front porch today is to see only tightly wound buds on bare branches. One could not imagine the fuchsia-colored blossoms that will emerge in due time. So much of hope is in those buds.

Together, I believe we are a sign of hope. We have the capacity within us to transform what is in bud into a beautiful bloom. The gift of each of you, in bud and in bloom, is a blessing to Loretto for which we give profound thanks.

*Sister Barbara Nicholas SL*

Barbara Nicholas SL  
President of Loretto



*The flower waits patiently, furled through the winter months.*



*Barbara's rhododendron in full glory*

# Community members honored



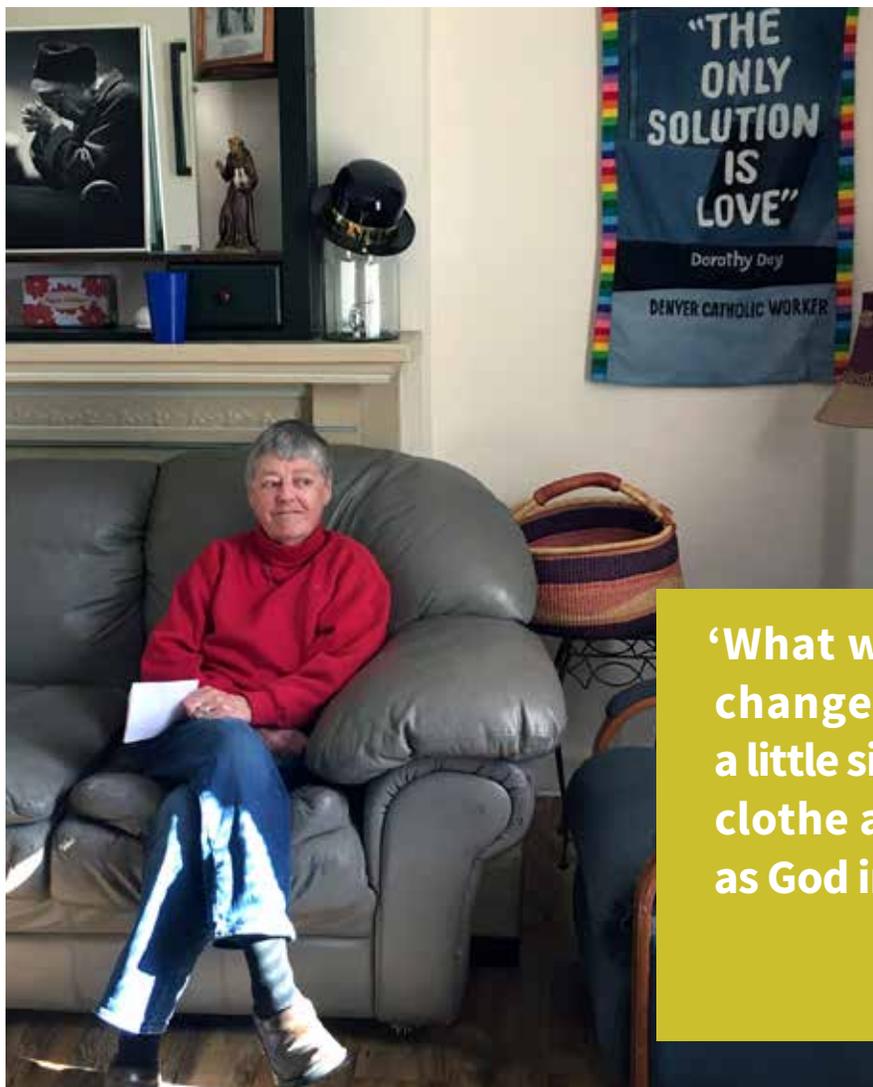
## Nasreen Daniel SL selected as panelist for 'Global Sisters Report'

**N**asreen Daniel SL is a newly-appointed panelist for “The Life,” a monthly feature of “Global Sisters Report,” a project of “The National Catholic Reporter.” Nasreen has published in English, Urdu and Dutch, including three books and numerous articles. Principal of St. Anthony’s, a school serving children living in poverty in a suburb of Lahore, Pakistan, she also teaches at the seminary in the Lahore Archdiocese. She says she is “honored to be selected as one of the Life Panelists for this year with Global Sisters Report.” (Nasreen has an article “Keeping the light burning at school in Pakistan” in this issue on page 14.)

## Jessie Rathburn CoL awarded a GreenFaith fellowship

**J**essie Rathburn CoL, Loretto’s Earth Education and Advocacy Coordinator, is one of 25 recipients of a GreenFaith Fellowship worldwide. Jessie is participating in the 18-month long program with others from varied religious and cultural backgrounds. “The GreenFaith Fellowship Program is designed to educate, train and spiritually form religious and spiritual leaders and people of diverse faiths” with the larger goal “to protect the planet and create a compassionate, loving and just world,” according to GreenFaith’s website, [www.greenfaith.org](http://www.greenfaith.org). Jessie resides in Nerinx, Ky.





## Anna Koop SL talks about the Catholic Worker in Denver

Anna Koop SL is one of the founders of Denver's Catholic Worker House, which opened in 1978. Denver's original Catholic Worker House burned in 2015; two years ago, a home was purchased and renovated. The current home sits in the midst of Emmaus Housing in Denver's Five Points neighborhood. Emmaus is made up of low-income rentals and was founded by Denver's Catholic Worker with the help of the Loretto Community.

**'What we would like to do is change the world — make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe and shelter themselves as God intended for them to do.'**

**Dorothy Day  
Catholic Worker co-founder**

*Anna Koop SL relaxes at the Catholic Worker House she helped found in Denver.*



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# Loretto: Acti

## The long march to b

### 1978

**‘The Loretto Community declares its commitment to an end to the production of nuclear weapons and nuclear energy. We are particularly committed to encouraging and assisting in the urgent work of educating ourselves and others to the perils of the continued proliferation of nuclear arms and power.’**

*This Loretto Assembly motion was followed in 1979 by a statement of consensus for the affirmation of ending nuclear proliferation with the support of the entire Loretto Community.*



### 2015

**‘We propose that the Loretto Community, gathered in Assembly 2015, reaffirm our commitment to work for the unilateral abolishment of nuclear weapons and nuclear energy in the U.S.’**

*2015 Loretto Assembly Proposal:  
Abolition of Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Energy*

### Looking to the past

Since the 1960s, the Loretto Community has been actively working to abolish nuclear weapons. These efforts have taken many forms, including praying and protesting at sites where weapons are manufactured or stored, fasting, attending hearings, attending shareholder meetings of corporations involved in manufacturing weapons, circulating petitions, learning and educating others about the nuclear threat.

In *Loretto Magazine* in 1999, Karen Navarro CoL wrote, “Fifty-four Loretto members from 12 states were among 5,000 to 7,000 people at the peace demonstration in Washington on Pentecost Sunday, 1982. ... Two weeks later, members waved Loretto banners in the million-person U.N. disarmament demonstration in New York City.

“In 1983, nearly 60 Loretto members joined a 17-mile human chain encircling Rocky Flats [a plant near Denver, where nuclear triggers were manufactured].”

# ing for peace

## ban nuclear weapons



Loretto Community members wearing sackcloth at a protest on Hiroshima Day at Los Alamos, N.M. From left: Pavlina, a Loretto friend; Sharon Palma CoL; Elaine Prevallet SL; Mary Nelson CoL; Anna Koop SL; Eleanor Craig SL; Betty Obal SL; Amelie Starky; Delores Kincaide SL; Rose Annette Liddell SL. Photo: Loretto Archives

### The 1980s: An active, hopeful time

The 1980s were an active and hopeful time for the nuclear abolition movement. Pam Solo CoL was one of the initiators of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, a national effort in the early 1980s to compel the U.S. and U.S.S.R. governments to freeze their weapons as a first step in working toward abolition. Barbara Roche SL served as associate director of the campaign. Hundreds of national organizations, local groups and communities joined the effort. In 1982, over 2 million signatures were delivered to the U.S. and U.S.S.R. at the United Nations asking for a freeze.

“I think it was an important part of the work of changing the conversation,” Barbara says. “I think it helped to build a base of support for people to act both at the local and at the national level.”

Some of Loretto’s tireless efforts are highlighted in these pages.

... and moving forward

### A DAY FOR CELEBRATION!

**January 22, 2021:  
U.N. Treaty Prohibits  
Nuclear Weapons**

By Byron Plumley CoL

With a long history of opposition to nuclear weapons, the Loretto Community joined most of the world in celebrating the U.N. Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons on Jan. 22, 2021, the day it “Entered Into Force” and became international law (EIF Day). Loretto has also celebrated with ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) as the organization won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017. In Colorado, Loretto hosted ICAN members, Dominican sisters Carol Gilbert and Ardeth Platte for a 17-day speaking tour in March 2020. The presentations were called “A Yes for Humanity: One Step Closer to Nuclear Disarmament.”

The nine nuclear powers, including the United States, have not signed the treaty. The ongoing work in the U.S. includes local and national efforts to encourage cities to declare support for the treaty, and to pressure Congress and President Biden to sign and ratify the treaty.

Several organizations in cooperation with ICAN are leading ongoing efforts for the U.S. signing. The Loretto Peace Committee is supporting three with financial contributions: The Nuclear Resister, Nuke Watch and Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance. The fourth member of the national effort is the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability.

Longtime activists gathered on Zoom with great energy to plan EIF Day. We encouraged public presence through banners, vigils, billboards, even flyovers with banners. The message as always is “do whatever you can.”

Byron Plumley is a member of Loretto’s Peace Committee.

# Acting for peace



From left, Loretto friends Sheila Karpan, Shirley Whiteside, Connie Curtis and Al Zook stand with Byron Plumley CoL (far right), August 6, 2020, at the capitol building in Denver. Photo courtesy Byron Plumley CoL

## Colorado

Each Sunday for 12 years, Loretto Community members protested in rain, sleet, snow or shine at the Rocky Flats plant west of Denver (see photo, below). Plutonium triggers for nuclear weapons were manufactured at the plant that was run by Rockwell International until 1990.

The Loretto Community in Colorado was inspired by the work of three Dominican sisters, Ardeth Platte, Carol Gilbert and Jackie Hudson, who highlighted the presence of nuclear weapons at rural sites, primarily in the western U.S. Loretto Community members joined with the Dominican sisters to protest at a silo near New Raymer, Colo., one of the sites in the state even now holding an intercontinental ballistic missile prepared for launch.



Buddhist monk Gyosen Sawada, left, and Pat McCormick SL take part in a protest at the Rocky Flats Plant in Colorado. Photo courtesy Byron Plumley CoL

Vigils for peace are now held in downtown Denver twice a week, and on Hiroshima Day each August (see photo above).

In 1990, Loretto participated in a peace vigil at City Park in Denver at which lanterns made by school children were launched on the park's lake. There are many ways to act for peace.

With thanks to Pat McCormick SL and Byron Plumley CoL

## Missouri

Uranium processing to create the nuclear weapons dropped on Japan took place in St. Louis at Mallinckrodt Chemical on Second and Destrehan, near the Mississippi River. Debris from the process was trucked north and dumped at several sites, including Weldon Springs, Bridgeton and the future airport site and Latty Avenue. These radioactive dumping sites became known gradually over a 30-year period with the help and leadership of Catholic sisters, including Loretto sisters, and community resistance formed. The sites are marked now, and some have concrete caps, but all are still awaiting removal. The St. Louis protests and lobbying have focused on environmental remediation.

Mary Ann McGivern SL

The corporate headquarters of General Dynamics, McDonnell Douglas and Monsanto were in St. Louis. Loretto bought stock and Community members attended meetings starting in 1977 to challenge manufacture of nuclear material, guidance systems and planes and missiles designed to deliver these so-called smart bombs. (Loretto's shareholder

# across the U.S.

campaign, of course, also called for other corporations not based in Missouri like Rockwell, Martin Marietta, Grumman and Lockheed to change their practices.)

Loretto has protested at Whiteman Air Force Base, which is currently one of three nuclear bomber bases in the U.S. (The other bases are in North Dakota and Louisiana.)

Loretto members and friends protest and risk arrest at the Kansas City Plant, an anonymous-sounding name for the site that manufactures the bombs' non-nuclear components.

With thanks to Mary Ann McGivern SL



Above: Trish Herron CoL, left, and Rox Monterastelli CoL carry a Loretto Banner Photos from a Hiroshima Day vigil at Los Alamos, N.M., in 2015.

Photo: Sandra Hareld CoL

## New Mexico

Loretto Community members have been active in the state where the first nuclear bombs were tested. Los Alamos National Laboratory still researches and develops nuclear weapons and managed the country's nuclear test site in Nevada until 1992.

Today, according to Mary Ann McGivern SL, "The nuclear weapon's pit is manufactured at Los Alamos, using plutonium with a tritium reservoir. It is fission fuel that explodes, acting as a trigger for the massive thermonuclear implosion."

Penny McMullen SL, who died in 2017, lived in Santa Fe and for many years tracked the Department of Energy [DOE] management of the nuclear material at Los Alamos. She represented Loretto at hearings and helped others develop written testimony. When Los Alamos or the DOE requested permit changes, Penny helped explain the issues and write responses.

Loretto Community members have protested at New Mexico's White Sands Missile Range, the Department of Defense site near where the world's first nuclear weapons were tested; open-air missile tests are currently carried out here, as well as at sites managed by Sandia Laboratories, a branch of the Los Alamos Project owned by Honeywell (previously owned by Lockheed Martin) and co-located at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. Mary Ann was arrested while protesting at White Sands with Martin Sheen and Dom Hélder Câmara in the 1980s.

Loretto continues to join the Hiroshima Day vigils at Los Alamos each year in August. In the photo above, Trish Herron CoL holds a Loretto sign at an annual Sackcloth and Ashes Peace Vigil.

With thanks to Sandra Hareld CoL, Mary Ann McGivern SL and Karen Navarro CoL



Photo: Sandra Hareld CoL

## Ohio

**M**ound City, Ohio, was the site of a plant making detonators and explosives for nuclear weapons until 1994. Originally located in Dayton, where the work carried out was an important part of the Manhattan Project, including production of polonium initiators used in the bombs dropped on Japan, the plant was moved to this location after World War II. Monsanto, based in St. Louis, managed the plant for the Atomic Energy Commission/Department of Energy (DOE). Nuclear tests were carried out at Mound City between 1948 and 1958.

Loretto, the Church of the Brethren and other faith groups that held Monsanto shares of stock filed resolutions every year for seven years calling on Monsanto to end its contract with the DOE because nuclear weapons are bad business and not in Monsanto's best interest. The company did cancel its contract but did not admit that our resolutions (that year after year gained more than 10 percent of the vote) in any way impacted the purely business decision.

## Tennessee

**O**ak Ridge, Tenn., is the site of the world's oldest continually operating nuclear facility. The first uranium enrichment took place here. After World War II, it continued as a preeminent site for developing nuclear weapons; the site is still an active nuclear weapons facility producing and storing highly enriched uranium, among other activities. For many years, nuclear waste was injected deep into the ground at Oak Ridge, an environmental nightmare.



*Loretto Community members protest at Oak Ridge, Tenn.*

*From left: Sisters Bea Klebba; Vicki Quatmann; Eileen Kersgieter, standing; Barbara Croghan, seated; Mary Swain; Sarah Maureen Concannon and Pat Kenoyer*

*Photo: Loretto Archives*

## Washington, D.C.

**L**oretto participated in the 1985 event called, "The Ribbon," commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. A 15-mile ribbon, made of 27,000 panels, was wrapped around the Pentagon. After wrapping the Pentagon, the ribbon ran along the Jefferson Davis Highway and Washington Boulevard, crossed the Potomac River and then moved into Washington, D.C., and onto the National Mall before wrapping around the city block where the U.S. Capitol stands, past the Lincoln Memorial and returning across the Potomac to the Pentagon.

See the back cover of this issue for a historic photo of Loretto Community members with Loretto's panels for "The Ribbon" event.

## The United Nations

**L**oretto entered into a formal affiliation with the United Nations in the early 1990s. The Community is active on several committees and working groups, including the NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security.

Loretto attends treaty meetings that the U.N. holds every five years to assess compliance with nuclear treaties and has been involved with the current push to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which went into force on Jan. 22 of this year. Beth Blissman CoL is Loretto's U.N. NGO Representative.

# The Great March

In 1986, Sister Mary Beth “Buffy” Boesen walked from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. This was the Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament that kicked off in California on March 1, and, after crossing the Mojave Desert, 12,000-foot Loveland Pass in Colorado, plains, cities and towns, ended in Washington, D.C., on November 15 of that year.

Buffy, who saw this march as “full-time work for global nuclear disarmament,” penned letters to the Community, which were shared widely. In October 1986, she wrote that in Ohio, “The reality of the arms race and all the money going to defense hit us hard in Youngstown, as it did in Nebraska and Iowa. So much money is being put into arms that the farmers and locked-out steel workers are suffering beyond my worst imaginings.”

For Holy Week, in “the experience of a lifetime,” Buffy and others visited the Nevada Test Site where a nuclear test had been conducted the previous week. Some of the protestors were “involved in an act of civil disobedience in an effort to halt the testing.”

Nearing the end of the march, Buffy wrote to the Community, “I do believe, that we (you and I) have been successful on this Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament. There are millions of people who are no longer as afraid to speak out against nuclear madness. We have been a strong grass roots movement. When we accept the fact that we *are* the government, we *will* make a significant difference.”

During the Great March, Buffy, Anna Koop SL and Mary Ann Cunningham SL put together The Heartland Peace



Photo: Jeff Share

Pilgrimage with the support of 26 communities of religious women and 30 peace groups. One hundred and fifty religious sisters and friends from 21 cities walked to meet the marchers when they reached Omaha, Neb. Six hundred peace demonstrators joined together and many, including Loretto Community members, were arrested at the Strategic Air Force Base.

“I remember the young Air Force women waiting to take us into custody listening to our prayers with tears running down their cheeks,” said Mary Ann.

The Great Peace March inspired one the following year in which 230 U.S. citizens, including Buffy, marched in the former Soviet Union from Leningrad to Moscow with 200 Soviet citizens.

With thanks to Mary Beth “Buffy” Boesen SL  
and Karen Navarro CoL

## Mary Luke, Committed Protester

Mary Luke Tobin SL was leader of the Loretto Community from 1958 to 1970. She is pictured here with well-known anti-war activist the Rev. Daniel Berrigan. Mary Luke took part in nonviolent actions at Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant, the U.S. Air Force Academy and Martin-Marietta in Colorado. She stood her ground at Nevada’s nuclear test site, the U.S. Capitol and the nuclear weapons complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn. She was arrested at the Air Force Academy and at the Capitol. In 1981, she traveled with Pam Solo CoL to Amsterdam to attend the International Public Hearing on Nuclear Weapons and Disarmament.

With thanks to Karen Navarro CoL



Photo: Loretto Archives

Mary Luke Tobin SL with antiwar activist Father Dan Berrigan, SJ.

# Walking with God toward the whole

## Today

**‘Today, the danger of some sort of a nuclear catastrophe is greater than it was during the Cold War, and most people are blissfully unaware of this danger.’**

*William J. Perry  
U.S. Secretary of Defense 1994-1997*

Loretto’s work continues as the risk of a nuclear catastrophe grows. This risk includes a preemptive strike against nuclear silo sites across the western U.S. Four hundred loaded Minuteman III ICBM missiles stand ready for launch in silos in Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota and Wyoming (There is a plan to replace these at a cost of \$100 billion.). This is in addition to the weapons the Air Force and Navy control, about 850 carried on bombers (Around 300 are kept ready for launch at bomber bases.), plus 200 weapons on submarines at sea at any given time. The U.S. also deploys nuclear weapons at sites in other countries. In total, the U.S. keeps around 6,000 nuclear warheads.

The U.S. is replacing its nuclear weapons and bombers, as well as developing new weapons which in 2010 it had agreed not to do. Since 2017, the U.S. has awarded billions of dollars in contracts to Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, General Dynamics and Boeing for research and upgrading nuclear weapons and components.

The expenditure on nuclear weapons is ballooning. The Congressional Budget Office’s estimate for updating and operating the nuclear program between 2019 and 2028 is **\$424 billion**. The hundreds of billions of dollars the U.S. has spent and is spending on nuclear weapons could provide high-quality health care, clean energy, education and much more.

**‘Has our resistance been effective? The Community has taken an institutional stance against possessing and using nuclear weapons. Many individual members continue to take actions — from written testimony to lobbying to shareholder resolutions to published articles to risking arrest. Dorothy Day said that the question is not whether our actions are effective but whether they are right. Loretto agrees. We must resist.’**

*Mary Ann McGivern SL*



*Mary Ann McGivern SL presents the Sadako Award for work against nuclear weapons to Bishop Tom Gumbleton on behalf of Loretto’s Disarmament Economic Conversion Committee (a precursor to the Peace Committee), circa 2000.*

**‘Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.’**

*Pope Francis, Laudato Si’*

## *Prayer for peace*

Mary Ellen McElroy SL

**O** God of all Creation, humanity is ready to be free of this nuclear darkness hovering over the Earth, our home. We are grateful for the gift of the 50 nations of the Earth who have signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty and for all who have dedicated their lives to achieving this goal. But it is not over! Now we ask your guidance and help as we strive to bring about a change of heart in governments of the countries who have resisted the Treaty, including our own United States. NOW this is our time! We trust that Your Love and Courage will sustain us as we pray, and as we work together and act for peace, dedicating ourselves to achieving your intended right-ful equilibrium on Earth. We trust that even amidst the outward chaos, all is working toward the wholeness of Creation. Amen.

**‘We human beings have no right to destroy God’s creation.’**

*Pat McCormick SL*

## Sadako’s peace cranes

**S**adako Sasaki was 2 years old and living in Hiroshima with her family when the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on the city. Hiroshima turned dark; radioactive rain fell. Sufferers were everywhere, their clothes burned off, flesh hanging, organs exposed. She and her family fled the fires that erupted around the city. They would return later.

Sadako and her family suffered physically, financially, emotionally. They lost family, friends and their home. In 1954, she developed leukemia, called “atomic bomb disease” in Japan. In Japanese legend, folding 1,000 *orizuru*, or paper cranes, leads to the granting of a wish; she began folding. Sadako wished to be well. She folded cranes until she died at the age of 12, 1,300 *orizuru* decorating her hospital room. Her family shared that Sadako said she hoped to leave the world a better, more peaceful place. After her death, classmates and friends formed the Thousand Cranes Movement to fund and build a monument to Sadako and all children who died as a result of the bombings. The Children’s Peace Monument stands in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park with a plaque reading, “This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace in the world.” Visitors to the park leave their own folded cranes as peace-wishes.



*Hayley Morgan, Loretto Volunteer, at the Opportunity Center for the Homeless in El Paso, Texas*

*I find the kindness of many of [the residents] to be astonishing. Particularly as I hear the details of their lives, I'm in awe of the strength of their characters and how they maintain kindness.*

Hayley Morgan, Loretto Volunteer, El Paso, Texas

*El Paso LoVo community, from left, Sarah Critchfield, Annie Bryan, Helen Mehls, Elise McMahon, Hayley Morgan*



# Loretto Volunteer's heart is with those who suffer

*There is no justice to be found within the current system. It doesn't give offenders a chance to excel once they exit the criminal justice system, and our country's inadequate mental healthcare system doesn't offer support to victims of violence.*

Hayley Morgan, Loretto Volunteer, El Paso, Texas

By Annie Rosenkranz  
Director, Loretto Volunteer Program



Hayley Morgan, at left, Loretto Volunteer, serves in El Paso, Texas, with the Opportunity Center for the Homeless (the OC), a community resource organization providing safe shelter, food and support services for people experiencing homelessness. Hayley's work is deeply rooted in Loretto's legacy of working for justice and acting for peace.

The Opportunity Center works on both sides of the justice system, helping those with criminal backgrounds — those who might not otherwise be able to gain shelter — and also helping victims of violence. Many women living in the OC's Women's Resource Shelter face too many challenges to transition to their own housing due to addiction, severe mental health issues and a lack of community resources. Through

partnerships at the OC, many receive mental health, addiction and physical health services.

“Beyond merely offering a respite from the difficulties of poverty and living on the streets, the OC cultivates a community,” Haley says. “Birthdays are excitedly celebrated and cupcakes are brought so they may rejoice. I never doubted that the residents would be complex human beings, but I find the kindness of many of them to be astonishing. Particularly as I hear the details of their lives, I'm in awe of the strength of their characters and how they still maintain kindness.

“I'm really thankful for the community that I've created and the connection I've been able to create with some of the members of the greater Loretto Community. I enjoy the intersectional relationship I have with Sister Elisa Rodriguez. I've appreciated hearing about her life and her service as both a Sister of Loretto and the head of the Women's Resource Center at the Opportunity Center. I also love my Loretto Volunteer community in El Paso.

“I take a lot of joy in the administrative role I've played within the team. I am shocked at all the work that goes into operating a shelter system of this size. Many of the staff members put so much of themselves into the work.” Hayley's administrative work has helped facilitate housing for more than one hundred households for the OC's Rapid ReHousing Program.

The Loretto Community's work for justice and actions for peace are adaptive, rooted in and shaped by community in our past, present and future.

*Photos courtesy of Annie Rosenkranz*



# At school in Pakistan: Keeping the light burning



Smitty, six years old

By Nasreen Daniel SL

At the beginning of last year, Saba came to us asking for financial help. She has three children: two girls and a boy. We hired her to prepare breakfast for us, cooking a vegetarian dish in addition to two meals with meat every week. Our one condition was that she send her children to school. She brought her daughters to school. Saher, the eldest at 11, had never seen a school, and was admitted with the 6- and 7-year-old children. We also helped with her studies in the evenings. In one year she reached the level of her age group, which is class two in Pakistan.

The youngest daughter's name is Smitty, a Sanskrit name meaning a beautiful smile; she even had smiling eyes. We put her with her age group of 5-year-olds.

Both girls worked hard and were very happy with their studies.

During the coronavirus lockdown in our area, schools were closed from March until September. When school reopened Saba no longer came to prepare breakfast. Her daughters did not come to school. Sr. Samina (Iqbal SL) and I went to their home to inquire and found that Saba had left the family, taking her 2-year-old boy with her and leaving Saher and Smitty with her mother. Her mother is elderly, earning her living by cleaning houses. The situation at their house showed a clear picture of hand-to-mouth existence.

We encouraged the grandmother to send the girls to school and forget about the fees, books, uniforms. On the first day of school both girls had not eaten breakfast and were very low. We provided breakfast and also lunch before they went home after school.

One day I was checking in on classes in the school and noticed Smitty looking as if she was lost or perhaps wandering in some other land; maybe she was trying to understand the mystery of her mother disappearing from her life, or how to live without her. I was shocked to see her forlorn eyes; her eyes used to smile but no more. She was like a yellow leaf at the mercy of the winds of circumstance.

Smitty has become so insecure that she does not want to go to class. She wants to sit with her 12-year-old

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sister. She cannot put her mind to her studies; she was very good in school, but now she sits as though she is a lifeless piece of furniture.

We have a few children in the school whose father or mother died; after some weeks they adjust to the new

situation and show that they are normal in the class. But Saher and Smitty have not accepted their situation. The challenge for us in Loretto is how to create an atmosphere in which these children may grow out of their deep sorrow and insecurity. We are present to them in their need, we provide meals each day, and we provide education, hoping that they will find their way back.



*Above: Smitty with her older sister Saher*

*Left: Nasreen Daniel SL at left, Smitty, Maria Daniel SL and Saher*

*Photos: Nasreen Daniel SL*

# *In this time of COVID-19, daring to say,*

*... we have an opportunity*

*to discern how we can  
recreate within ourselves  
loving-kindness  
and hear  
the Living Light.*

Karen Cassidy CoL

*By Karen Cassidy CoL*

As we grapple with the ravages of COVID-19, we are invited to experience our grief. Are we courageous enough to turn to the fire of our own grief? It is so much easier to run. Losing those we love is where the fire burns hottest. Losing our own health is trial by fire.

Oh the loss!

The desolation at not being at the death beds of those we care about ... and those who need us. Loss of authentic connection to the outside community, where we long to be of service to those in need. For some of us: loss after loss. While we grieve, hurting and tender remembering those who have died, we are being transformed. Awareness of this — for this is God moving in us — allows us to create new life and love in the post-COVID-19 world.

This pandemic brings my grieving heart back to my old friends, the Women Mystics. During this COVID-19 pandemic, Julian of Norwich has been a true consolation. Julian's words, "All will be well, all will be well, all manner of things will be well" is a favorite saying for many people. I am comforted knowing that Julian experienced and understood pandemics. Living through many rounds of the Black Death, she faced immeasurable suffering within and around her. History tells us that up to 50 percent of the European population died during the bubonic plague. Julian possibly lost half of the people that she knew and to whom she was closest. One scholar suggests that her husband and children died during the plague. Julian turned to the fire of grief instead of running from it. What a lesson for us today.

It is believed that she went to live as an anchorite to have a kind of quarantine. Forty years' worth of quarantine! She was not a hermit, though. A window open to the outside allowed her to accept freshly baked bread and share honey from the hives she kept. She provided consolation and advice to the struggling villagers. A window into the church kept her on the schedule of prayers and routine. Contemplation and action.

Where do our indoor and outdoor windows open? As we quarantine in our own anchorite-homes, we have an opportunity to discern how we can recreate within ourselves loving-kindness and hear the Living Light. From our outside window we can envision a community and



*'All will be well'*



Photos: Christina Manweiler

Loretto Motherhouse Church, Nerinx, Ky.

a world fully engaged in the care of the Earth and each other.

Looking at death teaches us many lessons. Lessons we must learn on our own. A pandemic stared Julian in the face her whole life. She grew up with death and fear all around her. And yet she was able to say, "All will be well, all will be well, all manner of things will be well."

Recommended reading: Matthew Fox, *Julian of Norwich: Wisdom in a Time of Pandemic – and Beyond* (2020).

*Karen Cassidy is a Loretto co-member and Executive Director of Hildegard House, a comfort care home for the dying in Louisville, Ky. [www.hildegardhouse.org](http://www.hildegardhouse.org)*

# One-by-One

God of consolation,  
Surely you count in heaven,  
Just as we count here on earth,  
In shock and in sorrow,  
The souls sent back to You,  
One-by-one,  
The dead from the COVID pandemic,  
As the ones become tens,  
The tens become hundreds,  
The hundreds become thousands,  
The thousands become ten-thousands  
And then hundred-thousands,  
Each soul, a heartbreak,  
Each soul, a life denied.

God of wisdom,  
Surely in the halls of divine justice  
You are assembling the courts,  
Calling witnesses to testify,  
To proclaim  
The compassion of some  
And the callousness of others  
As we've struggled to cope.  
The souls taken too soon,  
Whose funerals were lonely,  
Who didn't need to die,  
Who died alone,  
Will tell their stories  
When You judge  
Our triumphs  
And our failures  
In these hours of need.

God of healing, an end to this pandemic,  
And all illness and disease.  
Bless those who stand in service to humanity.  
Bless those who grieve.  
Bless the dead,  
So that their souls are bound up in the bond  
of life eternal.  
And grant those still afflicted  
With disease or trauma  
A completed and lasting healing,  
One-by-one,  
Until suffering ceases,  
And we can stop counting the dead,  
In heaven And on earth.

A prayer from the Jewish Community

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**Martha Fly CoL**

**February 21, 1945 — October 30, 2020**

Martha was brought up in the United Methodist Church in Kansas where her father was choir director in the church and local high school. She contracted polio as a 4-year-old and again at 6. These experiences led to deep questioning as a teenager about the purpose of her life, which converged creatively in what she called the two themes of her life: church and education. The Sisters of Loretto inspired a third theme, which she identified as "calling." Martha co-founded the Kansas City (Mo.) Academy of Learning, "... to keep the spirit and philosophy of Loretto alive in the Kansas City educational community." Martha worked as a teacher or a principal for 36 years and was a Loretto co-member for 44 years.



**Ann Gohl SL**

**September 25, 1923 — November 28, 2020**

Ann grew up in Webster Groves, Mo. Her mother died when she was 3, leaving her father with five young children. When Ann was a freshman in high school, her father became ill with cancer, and the children went in different directions. Ann ended up at Loretto Academy in St. Louis, the only boarder. "With the sisters I discovered a whole new world," she reported in her autobiography. She became a Catholic as a senior and moved to California to work nights and attend classes during the day. Three years later, she joined Loretto. Ann taught at all levels until she was 60 and then became a travel consultant. Later she worked in living history museums. Ann retired to St. Louis in 2002 and moved to Loretto Motherhouse in 2010.



**Marietta Goy SL**

**November 1, 1926 — November 5, 2020**

Marietta grew up on a farm near Maytown, Ill., about 40 miles from Sterling, Ill. Marietta attended a one-room schoolhouse and realized how much she appreciated helping younger students to learn. She met the Sisters of Loretto in Sterling, and decided to join them. She taught in various grade schools for 12 years, then joined Sister Mary Lawrence Ewing in Louisiana, where they both taught in the public schools for many years. In 1982 Marietta was diagnosed with a serious cancer that required two surgeries and lengthy recuperation. In 1987 when Mary Lawrence (Myrt) had health issues, the two moved to Littleton, Colo. They offered friendship and fine dining in their comfortable condo. Marietta's last years were at Loretto Motherhouse, where she celebrated her 75th Jubilee this past April quietly because of the pandemic.



**Mary Katherine Hammett**

**May 20, 1925 — October 17, 2020**

Mary Katherine grew up in Colorado and met the Sisters of Loretto at St. Joseph's in Fort Collins. She taught music in schools in Colorado, California and Texas. Eventually, she began work at St. Raphael's Mission in Houston in religious education, then did the same in South Pasadena, Calif. She did parish work for 40 years. Not ready for retirement yet, Mary Katherine took a job as maintenance clerk for a pipe company. After four years she moved to Loretto Academy, El Paso, and tended the Academy chapel then the Nazareth Hall Chapel. She retired to St. Louis Center and then Sarah Community until her move to the Loretto Motherhouse in 2012. Mary Katherine was "supervisor of" (presided over) the dining room for several years until the coronavirus confined her to her room.



**Rita Maureen Hurtt SL****September 21, 1930 — October 19, 2020**

Rita grew up in St. Louis and had a very happy childhood. She attended public school and belonged to St. Catherine Parish. Rita met the Sisters of Loretto in parish catechism classes. She joined Loretto in February 1949. Rita was assigned to elementary schools in Fort Collins, Colo., Kansas City, Mo., Rawlins, Wyo., Denver and St. Louis. Rita felt a deep connection with children and was happiest while teaching the youngest. She always remembered the words that Sister Rose Vincent spoke to her when she was teaching first graders: "You should get down on your knees every night and thank God for the wonderful gift of teaching that God has given to you."

**Kay Lane SL****June 4, 1933 — November 14, 2020**

Kay's grandfather, father and other family members were successful in business in Germany — and also Jews. Realizing what Hitler's agenda would mean, Kay's entire extended family left Germany in the late 1920s bound for the United States. When the ship landed, one of the grandfathers evidently said, "Now we will be Catholics." Kay was born and grew up in Mobile, Ala. She entered Loretto in 1951. For many years, Kay taught or was principal in schools ranging from Louisville to California. She was admired for breaking down walls between people. Kay was quick to make friends with staff and parents and was well-liked by supervisors. Hers and Kathleen Tighe's homes in California and Kentucky were open to everyone. She was always on the go, cooking, baking and growing tomatoes.

**Gaetana 'Gay' Lenox CoL****May 19, 1935 — September 1, 2020**

Gay was an excellent student, graduating as salutatorian from high school. She worked her way through college graduating cum laude from St. Mary's College in South Bend, Ind., with a bachelor of science degree and Registered Nurse designation. She became a hospital head nurse and supervisor in obstetrics and pioneered a new specialty called "natural childbirth" in the late 1950s. Gay was a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was married to James Lenox, and they had four children. Gay branched out into psychiatric nursing and later into chaplaincy work. She became a Loretto co-member June 17, 2012. Sadly she was unable to participate actively in the Community due to a severe stroke a year after her celebration. She was a close friend of Lillian Moskeland CoL.

**Barbara Dunn Light CoL****October 8, 1933 — October 15, 2020**

Sisters of Loretto were Barb's teachers at Blessed Sacrament Grade School, Denver. She was in the last class to graduate from the old St. Mary's Academy on Pennsylvania Avenue in Denver in 1951. She entered Loretto, becoming Sister Barbara Jean. Her second mission was Arlington, Va. "I was lucky to be there during the Kennedy years, which added a special aura to my time there." She continued teaching and studying. In 1971 "with a heavy heart and mixed emotions I left the Community." Barb was married to John Light from 1977 to 1987. At a class reunion of her novitiate class in 1996, Barb began her journey back to Loretto. She became a co-member in 1999 and was active in the Community until her death.



**Joan Blessum Mahan CoL**

**April 29, 1933 — October 6, 2020**

Joan was the third of 10 children. She met the Sisters of Loretto in grade school in Albuquerque, N.M., and later attended St. Philomena's and St. John's in Denver. When she was 15, she attended Loretto Academy in Kansas City, Mo., and entered the Loretto novitiate the following year. Joan, known as Sister Mary Josephine, taught in Denver and at St. Michael's in Santa Fe, N.M. Ralph Mahan, a Christian Brother, was principal. After a few years, they sought dispensation from their vows and married in 1974. They moved to New Orleans and worked at Chapelle High School. In 1976 their daughter Irma was born. Joan and Ralph loved to entertain and welcomed many, especially Loretto members, to their home. Ralph died in 1987. Joan and Irma moved to Albuquerque where Joan worked. Joan was a co-member for 39 years.



**Maureen McCormack SL**

**October 5, 1932 — September 24, 2020**

Maureen grew up in St. Louis and attended Nerinx Hall High School and Webster College. Later she completed a doctorate in psychology at Denver University. In 1970 Loretto began a new venture in government under the presidency of Sister Helen Sanders, who asked Maureen to be the director of Community Life Development. While serving as vice-president of the Community from 1978 to 1986, Maureen worked as a human resources consultant for religious and lay communities and for 25 years offered Ira Progoff Intensive Journal workshops, especially for women in prison. Maureen served as Loretto's president from 1986 to 1994. A major focus of her presidency was to give priority to new understandings of humans' relationship to earth and the cosmos, a commitment of hers for the rest of her life.



**Susan Carol McDonald, SL**

**October 22, 1944 — September 23, 2020**

Susan Carol was born in Colorado, the oldest of nine children, and met the Sisters of Loretto at Loretto Heights College, where she majored in nursing. She was head nurse at Loretto Motherhouse Infirmary in the early '70s. In 1973 Susan went to Vietnam to nurse children who were left in New Haven Orphanage with no known family. During a lifetime of service, Susan stayed in touch with many of the orphans and their new families. Some of these children came to Susan for comfort, for stories, for a link to their beginnings in a war-ravaged country. She also nursed in Bangladesh, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Haiti. Susan's life was full of service and concern for people affected by war, famine and destruction — and of love of friends and family.



**Pearl McGivney SL**

**November 8, 1930 — August 10, 2020**

Pearl grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood, N.Y. She joined that community and taught school for eight years. In 1971 she accepted an invitation to "come and see" in La Paz, Calif., where she met Loretto Community members Ruth Shy and Mary Jean Friel. Pearl joined the United Farmworker staff in 1972, attending to administrative matters that César Chávez entrusted to her. In the late 1970s Pearl moved to Florida where many farmworkers lived and founded Centro Campesino in Auburndale. Alicia Zapata RSM joined Pearl in the work of listening to the people, knowing that the farmworkers took pride in reaching goals on their own. Pearl transferred to Loretto in 1982, continuing her work with farmworkers. She was President of the Community from 2013-2018.



**Maureen Smith CoL****July 19, 1931 — September 5, 2020**

Maureen was born in Schenectady, N.Y. She stayed in close touch with her family in Schenectady and in the Adirondacks throughout her life. She met the Sisters of Loretto at Loretto Heights College and entered after graduation. Maureen was a Sister of Loretto and then a co-member for 65 years. In the 1970s she became a lawyer and also adopted Katie and Annie from India. She served as an attorney in Legal Aid and in social service agencies in Kansas City, Mo., for many years while also teaching. She retired from her work in 2014 and joined the Loretto Motherhouse Community. Maureen died suddenly on Derby Day 2020 after a wonderful day of telephone conversations with her daughters and deciding her bets for the race.

**Frances Weber SL****March 24, 1941 — Dec. 16, 2020**

Frances grew up in Freeport, Texas, where she met the Sisters of Loretto. "That love of Loretto never left me," she once said. She joined Loretto after high school. Frances earned a degree in teaching art and a bachelor's degree in nursing. She nursed at Providence Hospital in El Paso, Texas, for four years and then was Loretto's Convent nurse in El Paso for 10 years. While nursing and driving for the Loretto sisters, Frances also continued an active artistic life. Her most prolific artistic work was a form of sculptural art that she developed and perfected as "Small Delights." Later, Frances moved back to Freeport to care for her parents. Her own health was not good, but she continued her artwork. Frances died shortly after moving to the Loretto Motherhouse Infirmary.



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## September 2020 — December 2020

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**All the wonderful Sisters  
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Bob and Cece Holt

**All the Sisters who taught me  
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**All Sisters who taught at  
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Elizabeth Wilson



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Jean Johnson SL and Agnes Ann Schum SL enjoy a quiet moment.

# Carrying forward Loretto's mission



LaFawn Biddle met Loretto when she sent her daughters to St. Mary's Academy. Eventually LaFawn became the first lay chair of the St. Mary's Board of Trustees. LaFawn has committed herself to the work of Loretto in the United States and in Pakistan because, as she says, "I see Loretto's commitment to the future. I am including Loretto in my will because I want to help make that future come into being."

*LaFawn Biddle, Loretto Donor*



*Loretto sisters in Pakistan, Maria Daniel SL, Nasreen Daniel SL, Samina Iqbal SL*

# The back story

*Dear Friend of Loretto,*

I Send You Blessings of Hope and Joy.

The spiritual writer and musician Jan Richardson chronicles the journeys her blessings take on their way to us. Jan gives blessings personally and sends them on adventures. During the days around Thanksgiving and Christmas, I ended thank you notes by saying, “I send you blessings of hope and joy.” I began imagining packing up these blessings and waving them off on their trips to you, our benefactors.

I’ve sent hundreds of blessings to you in the name of Loretto.

My Blessings of Hope wear backpacks and stout walking shoes. Some use walking sticks. Most of them have hats. They step off my front porch with confidence, spreading out into the neighborhood by the score, marching together on their way to bring you hope.

The late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks reminded us that “optimism and hope are not the same. Optimism is the belief that the world is changing for the better; hope is the belief that, together, we can *make* the world better.” Hope actually requires courage.

What I wrote in my first thank you notes was that I send blessings of hope and joy to guide us through these difficult days into the New Year. The words shifted in later notes, asking for guidance into a future where we seek wisdom and justice. This was after the incursion into the U.S. Capitol.

Then there are the Blessings of Joy, dressed in different colors, different styles, some with sparklers and others juggling glittering balls. They all dance, and they sing. No walking sticks here.

I imagine all these Blessings of Hope and Joy spilling out of your envelopes along with the heartfelt thanks of Loretto. We are in the middle of difficult times, but we have the courage of our hope and the joy of our love of God and one another.

May Hope and Joy guide us all in 2021.



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Loretto Community members at an event in Washington D.C. with the panels they contributed to a 15-mile long peace ribbon which wrapped the Pentagon on the 40th anniversary of the Hiroshima/Nagasaki bombings.

From left: Anthony Mary Sartorius SL, PJ Manion SL, Alice Beeler SL and Barbara Nicholas SL