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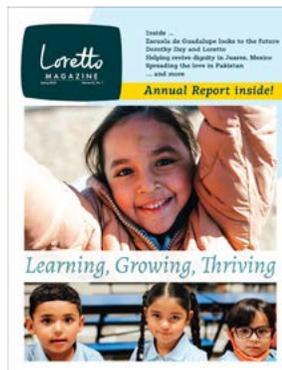
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At top, at Escuela de Guadalupe School in Denver, Luciana enjoys recess time. Below, from left, Amaro, Florencia and Marianna sit together in the lunch room at Escuela, a dual-language school.

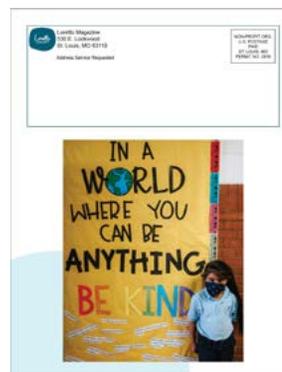
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Gigi stands before a banner that shares one of Escuela de Guadalupe's primary emphases: 'In a world where you can be anything, be kind.'

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LORETTO COMMUNITY

Sisters of Loretto • Co-members of Loretto

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

Loretto Community members teach, nurse, care for the elderly, lobby, minister in hospitals, provide spiritual direction and counseling, resettle refugees, staff parishes, try to stop this country's nuclear weapons build-up, work with the rural poor, and minister to 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,

As gray and gloomy weather is par for the course where I live, when I turn the calendar page my spirit lifts even if the weather does not as yet. Spring is eagerly anticipated, a welcome change.

Change is funny, isn't it? Some may ask, "Why won't they just change ... ?" as they wish for a circumstance other than what is. And still another asks, "Why did they change that? It was working perfectly well?"

I've recently begun reading "Loretto: An Early American Congregation in the Antebellum South" authored by Joan Campbell SL. Joan cites familiar lines written by the Rev. Charles Nerinckx as he took steps to make a final move to Missouri in 1824. Father Nerinckx's words convey some poignancy as he prepared the sisters to anticipate great change:

'If you inquire whether I know what will become of you? This I cannot tell, but from my present experience, from the nature of things, and from the condition of men, without pretending to any revelation or gift of prophecy, there is not a spark of doubt in my mind, but you will undergo great changes from your present state, which the far greatest number of you looks upon as happy; you must only pray that what is to come may be for the better . . . ?'

As we approach the 210th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Loretto on April 25, we can recount for each other the changes that we have experienced during the years we have been sisters and co-members of Loretto. At each point we have the opportunity to re-commit to trust in Father Nerinckx's promise that great changes from our present and generally happy state beckon us into our unknown future's next steps.

I invite us all to read here the stories of new and ongoing ventures into the Loretto traditions of education and service in diverse geographic settings: Escuela de Guadalupe in Denver, St. Anthony's School in Pakistan, Father Peter Urban CoL's work in Juarez, Mexico. Loretto helps to bring about hope-filled change for the better even as the time of pandemic has brought new challenges. Together we take this step-by-step journey into the future.

Daily, let's work and pray that changes that come into our lives will be for the better; let's do so with joy and confidence. We have these words of Charles Nerinckx to give us courage: "Never forsake Providence and Providence will never forsake you."

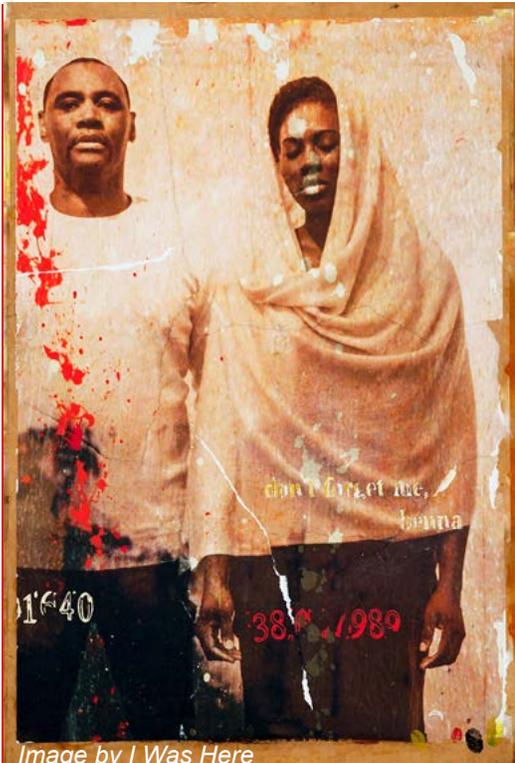
Love,

Barbara Nicholas SL
President of Loretto



At the Loretto Motherhouse in Nerinx, Ky., one of many floriferous trees bursts with spring glory. Alleluia. Photo by Christina Manweller

Slaveholding in Loretto's history: Honoring the sacredness of human dignity



‘We gathered in our home church to see and hear with our hearts a tragic reality about our homeplace, that these grounds have been a place of wounding for many individuals of dignity and worth.’

Eleanor Craig SL

*So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them,
male and female he created them.*

Genesis 1:27

This past November during Loretto's annual Assembly, the Community came together to honor and recognize those who had been enslaved at the Loretto Motherhouse. Community members living at the Motherhouse in Nerinx, Ky., gathered in the church for the Ritual of Remembrance and Sanctification featuring art, song, poetry and prayer; it was live-streamed to Community members around the world. Central to the ritual were Ancestor Spirit Portraits, the work of the artists' group, I Was Here.

More than 50 people were enslaved at Loretto Motherhouse, men and women old and young, with their small children, whose presence at the Motherhouse were noted in the federal census once every 10 years from 1820 to 1860.

The ritual may be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSMWtV02vzc&t=3s>

Images and ritual by I Was Here, a collaboration of artists making visible a reality hidden in plain sight. We are grateful to the following for their support of this project: The Kentucky Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities, South Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Spreading hope in Juarez

One of Loretto's enduring beliefs since its beginning in 1812 is that education brings value and benefits beyond what we can imagine.

The Rev. Father Peter Urban CoL has been a member of the Loretto Community since 1976.

One of his passions is helping children and adults pursue their desire and need for education in Juarez, Mexico. Another is providing materials so families have the means to build and repair their own houses, thereby fulfilling dreams of living with dignity in safe, comfortable homes.

See pages 14 - 17 to learn about Father Peter's work in Juarez, Mexico.

Visit our [Spotlight Video](#) page to meet Father Peter and hear about the work being done in Juarez.

*The Rev. Peter Urban, a priest of the Denver Archdiocese and Loretto co-member, founded Miguel Pro Mission, an organization collaborating with the people of Juarez, Mexico, to provide educational opportunities and safe homes.
Photo by Christina Manweller*



**See our most recent Loretto Spotlight video:
www.lorettocommunity.org/spotlight**

Escuela de Guadalupe: Looking

By the time the children reach fourth grade, they are bilingual, and by the time they reach sixth grade, they are fully biliterate.



Above, Mikaela takes a break on the playground to smile for the camera.

Left, Julie proudly displays her diploma at graduation.

Photos courtesy of Escuela de Guadalupe.

toward a bright future

When I think of Escuela de Guadalupe, the people are the first thing that comes to mind — my teachers, the staff, my friends and even my friends' families. ... I'm smiling while writing this because Escuela made learning fun, and my experiences there sparked my competitive learning nature for the rest of my academic career. I could tell Escuela always believed in me and still does. The staff still reaches out to me all the time, and I love it.

After Escuela, I attended St. Mary's Academy (grades 6-8) and Regis Jesuit High School. I currently attend Colorado School of Mines, where I'm in my final year studying mechanical engineering with an emphasis in automotive design. I am currently working on a senior design project to convert an internal combustion engine-powered Formula SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) vehicle to an electric Formula SAE vehicle.



Eliseo Esparza (Class of 2010) attends the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo. The School of Mines is an internationally acclaimed science and engineering university.
Photo courtesy of Escuela de Guadalupe.

I am excited to be graduating in May with a 3.6 GPA and am still deciding between two full-time offers that have been extended to me for post-graduation.

- Eliseo Esparza (Class of 2010)

The evolution of a thriving

**‘This was our dream.
And it was realized.’**

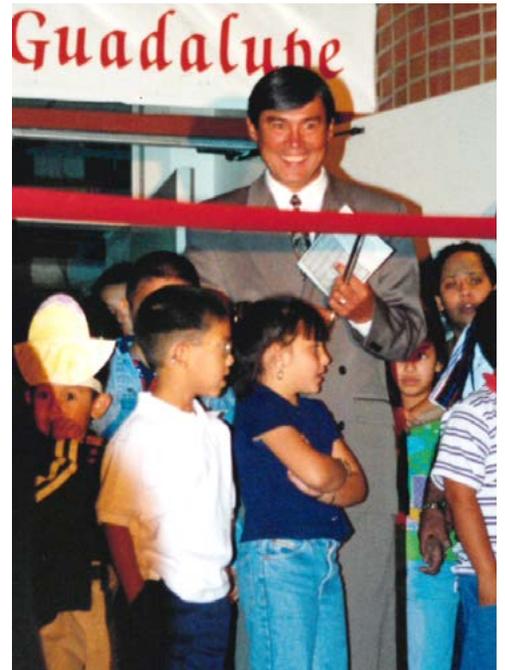
- Susan Swain SL on the opening
of Escuela de Guadalupe

By Vicki Schwartz SL

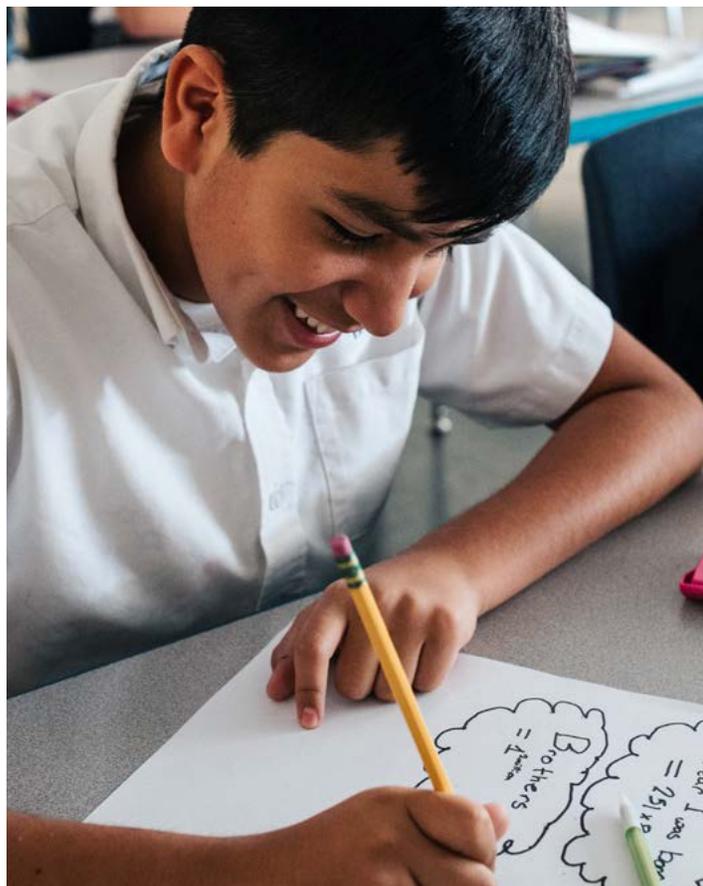
Escuela de Guadalupe’s mission is “to support and uplift the global community, our families and our students by offering an education that integrates Spanish and English biliteracy, Catholic values and academic rigor.” Now in its 23rd year of operation, Escuela de Guadalupe is well established in the Denver area as a dual-language school, as an independent Catholic school and as a school on the path to accreditation by the Association of Colorado Independent Schools (ACIS).

Escuela has deep Loretto roots. Susan Swain SL and Joy Gerity CoL, who had been principals at St. Mary’s Academy, were members of Escuela’s founding group in 1999. They

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Tony Vigil, Escuela’s first principal, cuts the ribbon on opening day. Photo by Regina Drey SL



saw the wisdom of initiating a dual-language school in one of the city’s predominately Hispanic neighborhoods, and they helped educate Loretto regarding dual-language education and its connection to Loretto school values. The by-laws of Escuela’s Board of Trustees require that at least one member of the Loretto Community serves on the board.

Escuela fosters its Catholic identity by opening each school day with prayer, by celebrating the Eucharist weekly with the entire student body, by celebrating Catholic feast days, such as the Day of the Dead (*Día de los Muertos*), by preparing students for First Communion and Confirmation, and by participating in educational opportunities sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Education.

For several of the earlier years, David Card served as president and established Escuela’s financial stability during very challenging times. David now serves as President of Regis Jesuit High School in Denver. Escuela owes much to his hard work and dedication.

In the early days, the curriculum covered kindergarten through fifth grade; now it’s a pre-k through eighth-grade school, with a student body of 213 children. Escuela graduated its first eighth-grade class on June 19, 2019.

Ideally, children are admitted into pre-k, kindergarten or first grade. By the time the children reach fourth grade, they

school

are bilingual, and by the time they reach sixth grade, they are fully biliterate. The pre-k program is a full-day program for children who are 4 years of age. The program currently maintains the highest rating through Colorado Shines, a Colorado state rating and improvement system that monitors and supports early learning programs.

Beginning in kindergarten, students start building a strong foundation in their native language through targeted literacy instruction. They develop their second language skills through instruction in math, science and social studies. In addition to accessing Escuela's holistic, culturally-rich curriculum, students enrolled in the K-5 program participate in art, music and physical education classes. If a child enters after first grade, an extensive tutoring program assists the child in advancing to grade level.

Escuela's middle school program is designed to build on students' academic achievement through mastery of the core content, while helping them develop the socioemotional competencies they will need to thrive in a college preparatory high school environment and beyond. At present, almost

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Right, Ramesh, a proud father, congratulates his son Diego at graduation.

Below, Miguel and Judah share smiles and friendship.

Far left, Angel working on a math assignment.



Photos above and bottom of page 8 courtesy of Escuela de Guadalupe



Loretto Comm for education

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all eighth graders pass the Catholic high school entrance tests and attend those schools, including St. Mary's Academy, a Loretto-connected school. Escuela maintains contact with its graduates during their high school years to provide support. Ninety-seven percent of Escuela graduates complete high school and 61% go on to higher education.

Currently, Escuela is in the process of attaining accreditation through ACIS. While this is a rigorous multi-year process, ACIS recognizes the achievements of Escuela and is most supportive of its endeavors regarding accreditation. In recent years Escuela's President Michelle Galuszka and Principal Mariella Robledo have established relationships with both the local ACIS governing body and member schools in the area.

As is true for all schools, COVID-19 presented significant challenges. Because most Escuela parents work full time and could not afford childcare, Escuela maintained in person education almost exclusively during the pandemic, while complying with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Colorado and City of Denver regulations.

About 15 Escuela families who were not eligible for pandemic relief checks received assistance through Loretto's Special Needs Fund. Loretto also contributes to Escuela's financial assistance program and is one of the sponsors of ¡Salud!, the school's annual fundraising gala.

In 1999, Susan Swain said of the newly-birthing school that she hoped it would celebrate its 20th anniversary, 25th anniversary and beyond. Escuela is well on its way!

These achievements do not come easily, but they were, and continue to be, realized by unusually committed staff and members of the Board of Trustees.

If you wish additional information about Escuela or if you wish to support the school, visit Escuela's website: www.escuelaguadalupe.org.

Vicki Schwartz SL recently served as Escuela de Guadalupe's interim president. She has extensive experience in education, and served for many years at Loretto Academy in El Paso.



Susan Swain SL and Joy Gerity CoL, two of the school's founding members, brought significant experience to Escuela. Susan, standing at left, and Joy, center, assist students at St. Mary's Academy. Each had served in several roles, including as teacher and principal at St. Mary's, before investing their skill, energy and love for children at Escuela.

Photo: Loretto Archives



Susan Swain SL pauses for a photo with David Card, early president of Escuela de Guadalupe. Photo: Loretto Archives

Community members' passion helps Escuela bloom

Susan Swain SL

Joy Gerity CoL



Loretto staff photo



Photo by Regina Drey SL

By Marlene Spero SL

By Regina Drey SL

Susan Swain SL was a gifted teacher and administrator who brought to Escuela years of innovative elementary school teaching. Susan was skilled in implementing the open classroom concept that focused on the individual student's strengths and weaknesses. She had been mentored by educators who came from England to share their knowledge.

Susan spent many summers at Loretto in Kansas City, Mo., instructing area teachers in the theory and practice of the open classroom concept as part of their education in a Master of Arts degree in teaching at Webster University.

Susan not only served elementary students at Loretto in Kansas City but at St. Mary's Academy in Englewood, Colo. Her fellow faculty members and students fondly remember her as caring and creative, giving her all to help students achieve their potential as lifelong learners.

In addition to her many years teaching, Susan served as principal at St. Mary's Academy and at Loretto in Kansas City.

Joy Gerity's well-known mantra "What's best for kids?" was at the heart of her life as an educator and her involvement at Escuela de Guadalupe. Joy came to Escuela with 34-years' experience at St. Mary's Academy in Denver and poured all of that and more into an idea that blossomed into the excellent school Escuela is today.

I was Joy's longtime friend, housemate and St. Mary's colleague. I well remember evenings when she'd come home from late afternoon planning meetings excited to share what was emerging. She loved being part of this school from the ground up.

Joy thrived on hard work, facing challenges with enthusiasm and creativity. She enjoyed collaborating, listening to others' ideas, pulling together common threads — what grade to start with? How to add grades organically? What does the curriculum look like? How to attract the teachers who are a good fit for this unique school? How to be a community where students grow into their best selves? Perhaps most importantly, how to create an innovative dual-language school made up of 50% Spanish speakers and 50% English speakers, with the goal of proficiency in both? It was the dual-language aspect that Joy felt was most compelling and would have long-lasting influence on how students would see the world and their place in it. I believe she was right.

Dorothy Day & Loretto

Perhaps the deepest and most inspiring connection between Loretto and the Catholic Worker was the profound respect and deep friendship between Dorothy and Mary Luke.

- Kathleen DeSutter Jordan



Dorothy Day enjoys time with the author's daughter, Hannah, on Staten Island, N.Y. The photo appeared in The Catholic Worker newspaper circa 1977. Photo by Stanley Wisniewski

By Kathleen DeSutter Jordan

I was blessed to have been taught by the Sisters of Loretto from kindergarten through college, and to have spent several years as a member of the Loretto Community. Later I knew and worked closely with Dorothy Day at the New York Catholic Worker, from the late 1960s until her death in 1980. So I can identify with a quote on the Loretto Community website (12/2/2019) from Jane Peckham Stover, “The influence of Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker, and the Loretto spirit, are a heady mix.”

A heady mix indeed!

Much was held in common between Dorothy and Loretto — both, at core, devoted to living Gospel-centered lives. Traditionally, primary for Loretto was the vocation of teaching, on all levels. The daily practice of the Works of Mercy — spiritual and corporal — and Dorothy’s absolute commitment to Christian nonviolence were and are hallmarks of the Catholic Worker movement. Voluntary poverty and life with the poor undergirded the Worker and reflect a lifestyle not typical of Loretto. Sister Marian McAvoy summed it up

this way during a recent phone call, “The kind of poverty the Catholic Worker dealt with was new to us. You didn’t go to Nerinx Hall and see the kind of people you see at the Catholic Worker.” On the other hand, the Loretto spirit is manifest in a vivid, joyful sense of community and friendship. There’s an iconic Catholic Worker story about the late socialist leader John Cort who, as a recent Harvard graduate and convert to Catholicism, heard Dorothy speak in 1936. It was surely her living example of Christian discipleship that compelled him to join the Worker movement, but it was also, he testified, because “she seemed to be having so much fun!”

It was a grace to have so many Loretto Community members visit or volunteer at the New York Catholic Worker over the years I was there. The list rivals the number of ice cream flavors at Baskin-Robbins. It included Ann Manganaro, Mary Catherine Rabbitt, Susan Swain, Paulette Peterson and Diane Fassel. Loretto members also volunteered at, and started, Catholic Worker houses: Ann Manganaro, Mary Ann McGivern and Mary Ann Gleason at Karen House in St. Louis; Anna Koop, with faithful assistance from Martha Crawley, PJ Manion and many others at the Denver Catholic Worker House.

While speaking out against prejudice and injustice was part and parcel of Loretto’s heritage, performing acts of civil disobedience and risking arrest and jail time was not until later. But such were the warp and woof of the Catholic Worker from its very foundation (in fact, Dorothy had protested war and injustice and served hard jail time well before the Worker began). Time and history have bridged this gap, and in recent decades Loretto and Catholic Worker members have shared many concerns (and picket lines) on issues such as war and weapons, racial equality and prejudice, farm worker rights, fracking and pipelines, and the School of the Americas.

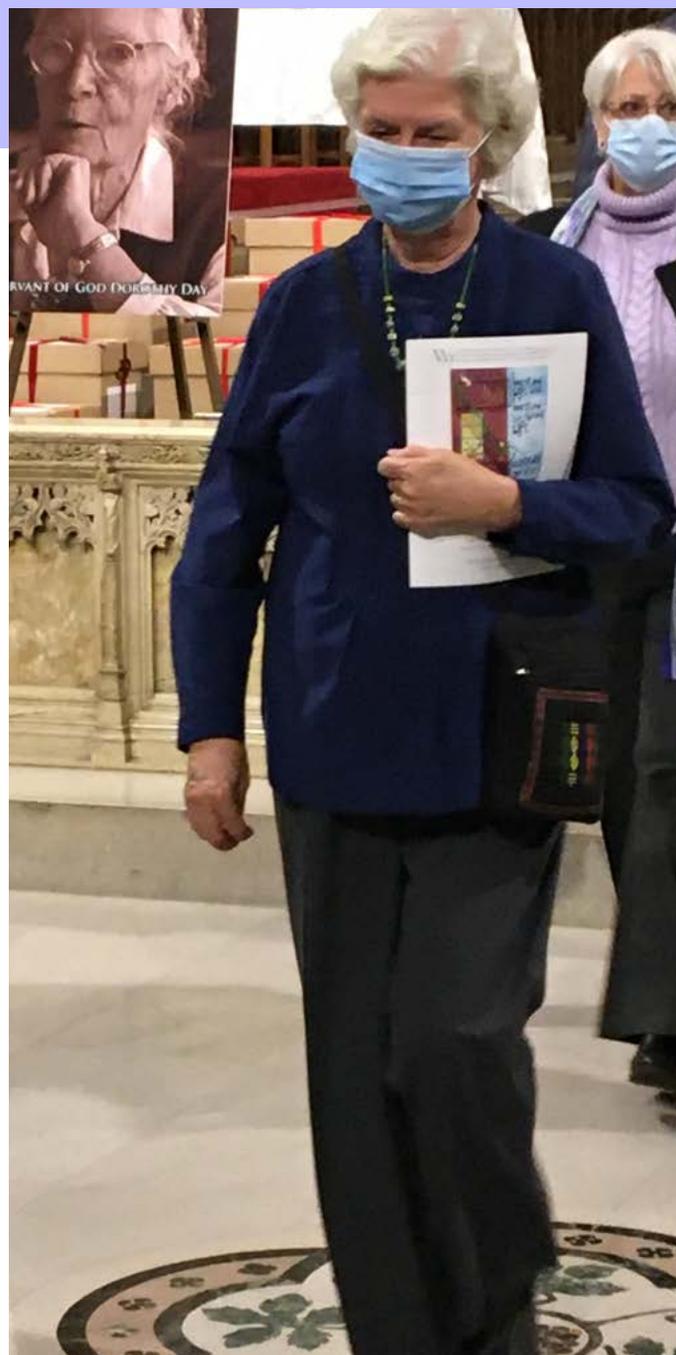
Whether Dorothy ever visited the Loretto Motherhouse on one of her many bus trips across country, I am unaware. But in the early 1970s she enjoyed the gracious hospitality of a Loretto community in Kansas City, Mo., and likewise in Denver. Perhaps the deepest and most inspiring connection between Loretto and the Catholic Worker was the profound respect and deep friendship between Dorothy and Mary Luke Tobin SL. I was going up to visit Luke one evening when she lived in New York City, and brought a copy of one

of Dorothy's books as a gift. Dorothy had inscribed it to Mary Luke: "Thank you for all you've done for women."

Cardinal John O'Connor first announced the possibility of beginning the cause for Dorothy's canonization on Dec. 9, 1997, during a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. At an evening Mass at St. Patrick's on Dec. 8, 2021, the New York Archdiocese celebrated the completion of its preparation of all materials required to move forward the cause of Dorothy's canonization. The materials were subsequently sent to Rome.

That evening I couldn't help imagining Dorothy and Mary Luke looking down on the cavernous cathedral. Mary Luke would definitely have wished for far more women on the altar (some ordained) and for a stronger emphasis on peace-making in the liturgy. Dorothy would be noticing the people in the very back of the church — "Do you think she needs a warmer coat?" — or on the sides — "What country do you think that family is from?" How they would be enjoying one another's company! How they have guided each of us forward, ever closer to the One whom our hearts seek.

Editor's note: Kathleen DeSutter Jordan was taught by Loretto teachers starting in kindergarten and was a member of the Community for several years in the 1960s. She and her husband, Pat, worked closely with Dorothy Day from the late 1960s until Dorothy's death in 1980. She is a member of the Dorothy Day Guild.



Above, the author Kathleen DeSutter Jordan walks in procession at the Mass to mark the end of the diocesan phase of Dorothy Day's canonization process. The Mass took place at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on Dec. 8, 2021. Photo by Deirdre Cornell

At the Mass, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, sealed boxes of documents compiled by the Dorothy Day Guild. More than 50,000 pages were sent to Rome following the Mass for presentation to Pope Francis and to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

Left, Anna Koop SL relaxes at the Denver Catholic Worker House which she helped found in 1978. Photo by Georgia Perry



Helping to revive dignity



The Rev. Peter Urban CoL
Photo by Christina Manweller

By Christina Manweller

“Poverty does not have to equal misery.” This is Father Peter Urban CoL’s fervent belief, rising out of his own background, and a phrase that frequently crosses his lips. It is the undergirding principle for Miguel Pro Mission, the organization he founded in 1999. His enthusiasm and the great hopes he has for the mission and for the people of Juarez, Mexico, are palpable. (See page 5 of this issue for a link to a short video of Father Peter talking about the mission.)

Juarez hosts hundreds of *maquiladora*, or factories, most of which are owned by U.S. corporations. These jobs pay such low wages —Father Peter says an average of \$50 a week— that people are unable to improve their lives. Again, he says, “This is misery, not poverty.”

He has been working for more than 20 years to help lift citizens of Juarez out of misery, having been inspired to take up the work after meeting Father Stan Martinka, who founded the San Alfonso Mission in Juarez. Miguel Pro Mission brings dignity to the lives of many poor in Juarez, primarily by providing access to education and the means to secure decent housing.

What if we were to do away with misery in Juarez?

We think this can be done.

- The Rev. Peter Urban, a priest of the Denver Archdiocese, Loretto co-member and founder of Miguel Pro Mission. The mission focuses on two fundamental needs in Juarez, Mexico: furnishing educational scholarships for children and adults, and providing resources to build and repair homes.

Born in 1929, Father Peter Urban’s childhood experience of poverty imprinted itself on his mind and heart. He was born in Kansas the year of the Wall Street Crash, the year before the dry summer that marked the beginning of the Dust Bowl years. By the time 1935 rolled around, the seemingly never-ending drought was forcing many families, including Peter’s, to migrate from the Great Plains region. The exodus, often referred to as the Dust Bowl Migration, sent many families westward. The Urbans, near starvation, left Kansas for Denver, where Peter’s parents and the older children kept the family going with a cow, pig, chickens and a garden. Peter’s father began receiving \$3 a month from the Works Progress Administration, which, as Peter says, “was a lot of money back then,” enabling the family to get by.

Peter’s sister Cora, a young woman of strong faith, often spoke to her two brothers about becoming priests. Peter resisted at first, but her persistence paid off, and he and his brother Leonard headed for seminary in Denver.

Father Peter now serves the mostly Spanish-speaking parish of St. Anthony of Padua in Denver, saying Mass twice a week

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in Juarez



‘... whenever we seek the path of privilege or the benefit of a few to the detriment of the common good, sooner or later life in society becomes a fertile ground for corruption, drug trafficking, exclusion of different cultures, violence and even human trafficking, kidnapping and death, causing suffering and hampering development.’

-Pope Francis, during a 2016 visit to Juarez



Jesús, at right, was diagnosed with a brain tumor seven years ago. His mother cares for him while struggling with her own hypertension and diabetes.

Photos this page by Daniel Lopez



Angelica has a debilitating form of cancer that was diagnosed six years ago. Father Peter Urban says, 'Juarez is plagued by illness, alcoholism and drug addiction.' The suffering is immense. 'So many people feel forgotten and worthless.'

Photo by Daniel Lopez

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and hearing confessions, while continuing his commitments as Miguel Pro Mission's president. At 92 years old, he is going strong, taking care to keep up with his physical therapy exercises, but he feels the diminishment that comes with age, his walker standing within reach at all times.

Peter and his brother are Loretto co-members, having joined the Community in 1976. Peter says they were influenced by Elizabeth Dyer SL, who generously shared her love for the Community. "I really believe in our Loretto," he says. He speaks passionately of the school in Pakistan — "It's a glorious thing that we are doing." He names St. Mary's Academy in Denver, Loretto Academy in El Paso and Nerinx Hall in St. Louis as wonderful institutions offering excellent educations in the Loretto tradition.

Mission named for priest steeped in love of Christ

Miguel Pro Mission's namesake is Jesuit priest the Rev. José Ramón Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez, known familiarly as Miguel Pro.

Born in Guadalupe, Mexico, in 1891, Miguel Pro was, like Father Peter Urban, influenced by a devout sister who inspired him to recognize his own religious vocation after she entered the convent. At that time, religious activities in Mexico were punished under an anti-clerical law and a ruthless president, and he risked his life providing the sacraments. Miguel Pro would disguise himself to hold Mass in private homes. He was executed by firing squad in 1927, beatified in 1988. He is revered as a joy-filled, faithful servant of God who went to his death praising Christ. Father Peter Urban, his eyes shining with love for his vocation and for the people of Juarez, was inspired to name his organization for this courageous, joy-buoyed priest. The commitment and joy of his own calling to bring dignity to Juarez resonates in his voice as he says, "We can do this!"

This is how lives are changed.

Gaining access to education and safe, decent housing

Education

In Mexico, free education ends after sixth grade, leaving many without means to continue the education that could help improve their lives. Many Mexicans do not have the opportunity to complete even the sixth grade.

Father Peter believes education offers a real opportunity to rise from misery and achieve the hopes and dreams common to us all. Educated employees might approach the *maquiladora* heads and negotiate higher wages, he says. They may locate better work opportunities, even start their own businesses. They could join together to improve their communities.

Miguel Pro Mission sends about \$8,000 a month to Juarez for 300 students. Two hundred attend a Catholic school, and the remaining go to public school. Forty students are adults who didn't have a chance to go to school as children.

"If those 300 students graduate from university," Father Peter says, "then that could be a force for good. Then they could work together in a community setting. They could change the city of Juarez." This is Father Peter's hope and dream.

Housing

"We started with 12 houses and those are finished now," Father Peter explains. The plan going forward is to offer to 10-12 families at a time the materials to build their own homes. In Juarez, homes often do not provide dignity and basic safety, and money for new construction and repairs is lacking due to the relentless poverty and low wages. A woman currently is gaining an education in carpentry, plumbing and

electrical wiring; she will teach others to construct and repair their own homes. Many Mexicans are adept at this work, Father Peter says; given the opportunity, they are able to realize homes that offer dignity and a greater sense of security.

Each house costs \$1,000-\$2,000 to build. Father Peter's hope is to do this for 10 to 15 years, thereby making a significant difference. By that time, he says, perhaps there would be 50 to 100 communities made up of the new houses. He says that these small communities might then approach the authorities and improve conditions in Juarez.

Violence is pervasive in the city. "If people could learn how to protect each other in communal life — I could just imagine this could be done, not with arms, but with peace." His vision is that within the communities, citizens would be able to stick together, look out for one another.

Food bank

Las Alas (Wings) is a food bank that Miguel Pro helps support. During the years of the coronavirus, which hit those living in poverty especially hard, Miguel Pro has increased donations for food and other basic necessities.



Photo by Daniel Lopez

'Let us together ask our God for the gift of conversion, the gift of tears, let us ask him to give us open hearts ... open to his call heard in the suffering faces of countless men and women. No more death! No more exploitation! There is always time to change, always a way out ... always the time to implore the mercy of God.'

-Pope Francis, Juarez, 2016

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Are there people who would like to help us?

Please visit
MiguelProMission.com.

Humility: A virtue for all

At school in Pakistan children learn



Emmanuel, center, the school's watchman, was the chief guest at the children's Christmas celebration. He visited the classrooms, judged the Christmas decorations and presented gifts to the winning class. Nasreen Daniel SL, who runs the school, is to his left. On page 19, the children act out the nativity story. Photos this page and next courtesy of Nasreen Daniel SL

By Nasreen Daniel SL

Over the years I have often read of women in Pakistan who give birth to their children in rickshaws. It happens not only in a far-off village but in a big city like Lahore. It is not possible for the poor to call an ambulance. Likewise, it is not possible for them to register at a hospital before delivery.

These women seldom see a doctor because they do not have money; therefore, they don't know the exact or even approximate time of the child's birth.

Whenever I read such incidents, I feel very sad and distressed. In a culture where women don't go out alone, where women don't show their faces to others and especially not to unknown men, what do these women go through when they are forced to deliver their babies where an unknown man, a rickshaw driver, witnesses this moment which is very private in our culture?

I often think maybe it is the birth of Jesus which is happening ever so often in the auto-rickshaws because the poor cannot get a little place in the inn. Jesus' birth in the manger makes us think of the insensitive innkeepers who let the pregnant woman feel the insecurity and fearfulness of the unknown — the unknown of the approaching moment, the doubts and fears, the pains, the discomforts of the unfamiliar surroundings.

As God plans all our lives so He must have planned that His Son would be born in a humble abode. God, the Almighty, manifests Himself in the helpless woman, Mary, the helpless man, Joseph, and the helpless child, Jesus.

And that manifesting is not over; God comes to us every day in the face of a helpless woman who gives birth in the

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and for all seasons

lessons in kindness and generosity



‘Therefore,
as God’s
chosen people,
holy
and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves
with
compassion,
kindness,
humility,
gentleness
and patience.’

Colossians 3:12

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rickshaw, in the face of an uncomfortable rickshaw driver, in the face of a helpless child born in such an extraordinary place which is unthinkable to most.

In our school we talk about the humility of which the birth of Jesus reminds us. Each year, we invite special guests who traditionally give a Christmas donation to the school, even just a pack of chocolate.

The day of the Christmas assembly, children were asked questions about where Jesus was born and who were the first who received news about his birth. The kids replied that Jesus was born in a stable of animals, and that shepherds were the first to be told about his birth, not the rich kings. They were told a little about humility and were asked if we could

invite Emmanuel, our watchman, to be a chief guest, keeping in mind the humility of Jesus. The kids cheered.

So our watchman was the chief guest for our Christmas tree decorating competition (with financial help from our Community we provided plants to each class). The kids collected money and bought a gift for him: a warm hat because he rides his bicycle to the school each morning in the cold.

Emmanuel could not believe his ears when I told him that he was the chief guest. He had tears in his eyes and walked with me to the school where he was garlanded and welcomed by little kids. Then he visited each class and inspected the decorations and presented the gifts to the outstanding class.



Left, Nasreen Daniel, seated, and Emmanuel, the school's watchman, standing at far right, listen to one of the children's Christmas performances.

Below, Emmanuel, standing at far left, is entertained by one of the younger grades in their classroom. Photos courtesy of Nasreen Daniel SL



Imagine a new future

What lens can we find together to imagine and to work our way into a hopeful, peaceful future?

- Elaine Prevallet SL



Photo by Jean M. Schildz

By JoAnn Gates CoL and Cathy Mueller SL

Sister of Loretto Elaine Prevallet has devoted much of her life to thoughtful reflection, moving to a clear knowledge of the interconnection of all life. She writes with clarity, passion and humility, inviting readers to consider new insights and connections within their lives. Her most recent book, “A Path to the Divine in Human Life: The Role of Chakras in Religious Dedication,” is the product of years-long reflection and writing about this deeply human and inspired way of understanding the dedication of one’s life energies.

Elaine writes about the congruence between the canonical vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and the fundamental life energies, named in some Eastern traditions as chakras. The awareness of these embodied energy centers is an ancient one, recognized (though perhaps named and nuanced differently) by various religious traditions and gaining more attention in recent years in the West.

We are in a time when religion and religious institutions, along with the traditional forms of life commitment to which they have given rise, are increasingly less relevant to humanity.

Yet in this age when the very existence of humanity, of plant and animal species and of Earth herself are in grave peril, the need for persons to commit themselves to living on this planet in life-enhancing ways has, perhaps, never been greater.

If we understood the chakra energies as “driving the survival and development of all living species,” as Elaine says, might we find that relevant contemporary commitment could be as simple as giving an intentional and certain direction to these energies? Elaine posits that, regardless of one’s culture or one’s religious leanings, the dedication of these basic life energies can serve as a framework for commitment in the 21st century. Devoting those fundamental life energies — indeed, making an offering of “my” life-energy — would, as Elaine says, “consciously connect our lives with the larger movement of Life that draws the whole process of Life forward.”

Elaine dedicates this offering to all seekers of the Divine and all seekers of peace on planet Earth. May love draw us together in unity of heart and mind.

Elaine’s book is available on the Loretto website. Lorettocommunity.org/about/books will take you to the book, which can be read online or downloaded.

I start with the cosmos because it is critical that we understand how drastically and how speedily this world of ours has changed and is changing! I end with our hearts, alive and ready to be active participants in this present critical phase of our human adventure. I hope those hearts are full of amazement at the miracle of it all. In between ... I want to uncover new approaches that may begin to revive and integrate these life energies so that they may continue to be of service in the world that lies ahead.

Elaine Prevallet, ‘A Path to the Divine in Human Life: The Role of Chakras in Religious Dedication’

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A young mother in Pakistan poses for the camera with her son. Photo by Nasreen Daniel SL

Donations Received

Designated Funds

Carbon Offset Fund	8 donors	\$1,139
Cedars of Peace	6 donors	\$22,250
Committee work	2 donors	\$1,000
Hunger Fund	34 donors	\$11,247
Immigration support	4 donors	\$4,350
J. Gramick SL ministry	18 donors	\$5,673
Judy Popp SL's work	2 donors	\$1,250
Loretto Heights campus cemetery	4 donors	\$1,250
Loretto Heritage Center:		
Archives and Museum	24 donors	\$9,510
Loretto in Pakistan	26 donors	\$25,692
Loretto Volunteer Program	8 donors	\$4,150
Motherhouse Infirmary	162 donors	\$91,496
Renovation and upkeep	5 donors	\$13,175
Sisters' retirement	190 donors	\$96,258
United Nations operations	2 donors	\$2,666
Where funds are most needed	611 donors	\$484,490
Wills: gifts from	6 donors	\$817,128

Total received \$1,604,683

Gifts to Loretto-Connected Recipients

Ann Manganaro Fund	4 donors	\$3,525
Backpacks for students in need	49 donors	\$2,410
FST Sisters, Ghana	4 donors	\$11,093
Haiti projects	87 donors	\$129,586
Loretto Day Care Center	1 donors	\$10,000
Mary Luke Tobin Scholarship	14 donors	\$1,600
Mayfield, Ky., tornado victim assistance	18 donors	\$3,298

Total received \$161,512

All donations received \$1,766,195

With
humble
hearts ...



we give
thanks

2021 Annual Donor Report

Designated funds

Carbon Offset Fund

Mitigates damage caused by carbon emissions by distributing funds to plant trees and accomplish other environmental remediation.

Cedars of Peace

Offers cabins in a secluded section of the Motherhouse woods for those seeking solitude and quiet.

Committee Work

Includes the Peace Committee and the Feminist Network.

Hunger Fund

Distributes to groups dedicated to feeding the hungry.

Immigration Support

Provides opportunities to meet with migrants; funds food and shelter for migrants and bail for detainees; supports work with groups on the ground to organize, educate and advocate for change.

Jeannine Gramick SL's Work

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

Knobs Haven

Offers group and individual retreats in family-style housing.





Loretto Heights Campus Cemetery

For headstones at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Denver, as sisters' remains are reburied.

Loretto Heritage Center: Archives and Museum

Documents Loretto history through the lens of our members and our works, with professional preservation efforts, interpretive exhibits and continuing research initiatives.

Loretto in Pakistan

Operates a school for Catholic, Protestant and Muslim students from poor families in the neighborhood. The Sewing Circle teaches women literacy, gardening, cooking and sewing. One of the sisters teaches theology in the seminary and another teaches installation of solar panels.

Loretto Volunteers

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 together in community.

Motherhouse Infirmary

Provides care to Loretto Community sisters and co-members, former employees, family of employees and Loretto members, as well as individuals in need who live near the Motherhouse.

Judy Popp SL's Work

Judy has provided social services in central Kentucky for 40 years. She has just retired.

Sisters' Retirement

Ensures that just provision is made for the retirement of Sisters of Loretto who received little to no compensation for their work.

Renovation and Upkeep

Gifts for general maintenance and care for the graves at the Motherhouse.

United Nations

Loretto has non-governmental organization status (NGO) and representation at the U.N. where we work to further the goals of justice and peace.

Wherever Funds Are Most Needed

Gives us maximum flexibility to meet immediate or unanticipated needs. Your confidence in our work is gratifying.

Gifts from a Will

Loretto received five bequests providing for current and future work.

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Top right, at the Motherhouse in Nerinx, Ky., Loretto Community members prize the multitudinous trees growing on the 800-acre property. Clockwise from top left are Pauline Albin, SL, Kathy Wright, SL, Elizabeth Croom, SL, Aggie Hoorman RSCJ. Left, kids are hard at work at Marion Middle School in St. Louis under the tutelage of Barbara Roche SL. Loretto staff photos

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Gifts to Loretto-connected recipients

Ann Manganaro Fund

Further continuation of the clinic Sister Ann founded in Guarjila, El Salvador. Ann died in 1993 at age 47.

Assistance to Mayfield, Kentucky

Loretto members and others gave for the tornado victims.

School Backpacks

Assistance for students at Escuela de Guadalupe in Denver and Marian Middle School in St. Louis.

FST Sisters in Ghana

Helps support the school and programs of the Daughters of the Most Blessed Trinity (FST), a Loretto Sister Community.

Haiti Projects

Supports the schools, orphanages and social services of the Little Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Loretto Co-member Barbara Wander also distributes money for scholarships for university students.

Loretto Daycare Center

The daycare center assists employees and neighbors. It was founded by Kay Carlew SL, who died in 2020.

Mary Luke Tobin Award

Holy Family High School in Denver annually awards this college scholarship in honor of Mary Luke Tobin SL, who in her pursuit of justice taught us not to be afraid of change.





Top, Mary Ann Gleason SL works in Uganda, where she has served as a physician's assistant for the past 10 years. Loretto staff photo
Left, Sharon Kassing SL on guitar and Claudia Calzetta SL on piano lead singing in the Motherhouse chapel. Loretto staff photo
Above, Beth Blissman CoL, Loretto's NGO Representative to the UN at far left, with young women who have participated in the Loretto Volunteer Program, from left, Teresa Blumenstein, Cecilie Kern and Amy Maltz at a climate protest in New York City in 2019. Photo by Beth Blissman

Ann Barrett SL

Feb. 13, 1929 – December 13, 2021

Ann grew up one of 10 children among generations of Barretts who settled in and around the original family home south of Owensboro, Ky. They were pioneers in a community of Catholics visited by Father Charles Nerinckx. She had two aunts in Loretto, Matilda and Bernarda. In the 1970s Ann earned a master's degree in behavioral science, with a focus on learning disabilities. Thus began Ann's second career as a teacher in Rockford, Ill., of children with emotional and behavioral disorders. A third career opened for Ann in 1992 when she joined the Loretto Health Care staff as a resource person focused on health and retirement. Ann once wrote, "My life as a Sister of Loretto has been none the less happy than my family life. I feel grateful."



Angela Murphy SL

March 3, 1929 – Jan. 16, 2022

Angela Mary Murphy was born in Sterling, Ill. During 12 years of school, Sisters of Loretto were her teachers. She joined Loretto in 1946. Angie wrote in her autobiography, "For nine years I taught at Holy Name in Los Angeles. The children there were African American and Japanese American. I didn't realize that the Japanese children had been in the camps during World War II." Angie taught for 10 years in the Loretto School in La Paz, Bolivia — some of the happiest years of her life, she wrote. Some of her students in La Paz watched her live-streamed wake and funeral. Angie continued teaching after returning from Bolivia. Later she responded to the needs of the poor and homeless in St. Louis and the needs of Central and South Americans.



Lawrence Purcell CoL

May 28, 1932 – Feb. 9, 2022

Dr. Larry Purcell had a quiet, gentle way of making everyone feel welcome. He and his wife, Jo Ann, both co-members, were faithful participants in their Loretto Community Group and often invited the group to their home. Larry was always friendly, with a great capacity for listening, a healing presence for everyone. Larry spoke lovingly of his beautiful family; it was evident he and Jo Ann raised their children with strength, gentleness and compassion. He and Jo Ann were heartbroken at the loss of their son, Stephen, though they persevered. As a longtime dentist, Larry provided professional care to many who were economically disenfranchised and could not afford to pay. He was a strong, compassionate man who maintained a humble presence.



Mary Seematter CoL

March 28, 1937 – Jan. 8, 2022

Mary was born in St. Louis, the oldest of eight children. Mary studied at Webster College, then joined Loretto, first as a sister and later as a co-member. She married Ed Seematter in 1967 and they had two daughters, Sara and Colleen. Mary held teaching positions and then earned a reputation as an historian with recognized expertise in St. Louis history and local African American history. She had program planning responsibilities at the Missouri Historical Society and taught graduate level courses on African American history at Washington University. "Loretto and I have had an enduring if irregular relationship," Mary once wrote. "I want to strengthen those bonds which have existed for so many years. I am Loretto in my heart, as I have been most of my adult life."



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

Memorials and Tributes of Honor

September 2021 — February 2022

In Honor of:
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Rodolfo Arciniega
Michael Talamantes
Judith Baenen*
Frances Hopp
Barbara Ann Barbato SL
Donna Marie Campbell
Mary Helen Gautreaux
Teresa Blumenstein
Beth Blissman*
Buffy Boesen SL
Eva Antone Ross
Joseph and JoAnn Furay
Rita Bruegenhagen SL
Yolanda Butler
Paula Stansel Carr
Elizabeth Dober
Susan Charmley SL
Brenna and David Langenau
Rosemary Chinnici SL
Sheila Zipse
Susan Classen*
Thomas Freeman and Douglas Klocke
Denise Ann Clifford SL
Frances and Tim Arnoult
Trey and Emily Burke
Nancy and Jacques Leveille
Loretto and Bill Peterson
Terry and Nina Roberts
Margie Fiorella Collignon
Elizabeth Dober
Libby Comeaux's 75th birthday
Roy and Anne Comeaux, Jr.

Mary Lee Corbett
Samuel Corbett
Mary Ann Cunningham SL
Jane Parr
Eileen Custy SL
Eva Antone Ross
Donna Day SL
Dennis Cuddihee
Kay DeMarea SL
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Cynthia Giguere-Unrein
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Francie Molliconi
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JoAnn Gates*
Harriet Peake Mays
Jeannine Gramick SL
Rosemary and James Jepson
Jennifer Morgan
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Elizabeth Dober
Joanne Beyer Hersch
Elizabeth Dober
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Cathy Straub Kim
John and Mary Straub
Beatrice Klebba SL
Colleen Douglas
and Arnold Nowak
Justine and James Douglas
Tracy and Diane Roberts
Thomas and Constance Szurek
Sally Schaeffer Kopecky
Elizabeth Dober
Mary Kenneth Lewis SL
Mary Ellen Lewis
Kary Lockwood
Margaret Justus
Loretto:
Teachers, 1944 through 1956
Cliff Wise, Sterling, III.
Motherhouse employees
Suzanne Reasbeck
Loretto Heights College faculty and staff 1963-67
Michele Saad
Loretto High School, Louisville, Ky., class of 1960
Sharon Whatley Dearing
Loretto Sisters in Colorado
Andy and Judy Kramer

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Loretto (continued):
Loretto sisters who taught in Kankakee, Ill., and at Loretto Heights College
Gary Kress
Sisters at Loretto Heights, 1966-70
Cece Holt
Loretto Sisters at St. Mary's Academy, 1960-64
Dora Elizabeth Cash
My Loretto Heights College education
Elmira Smith Wilkey
Nerinx and Webster College classmates, class of 1945
Marguerite Allan
Webster College friends for over 60 years, class of 1965
Anne Karl Hemmer
Gabriel Mason SL
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Susie Schulte
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Daniel Sedillo
Orlando and Jeanette Sedillo
Mary Lou Trujillo
Ceciliana Skees SL
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Brenna and David Langenau
Winona Skees
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Jason Steckler and family
Mary Swain
Joann Malone
Dawn Dorsey-Smart
and Dan Smart
Carol Thompson
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Mary Louise (Billie) Vandover SL
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Webster College, 1960
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Coorssen
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Judy Green Fields
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Richard and Ciel Iler
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Gail Boone Kelly
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Association
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James Rademaker
Michael Ryan
Juanita Santos
Jennifer Courtney-Trice
Sue and Arthur Wessel
Terri and Matthew Woolfolk
Julie Zaber
James, Eileen, Tim, Steve
and Kathleen Corrigan
Ann Corrigan
Kathy Crowley
Karen Gross
Marilyn Cusick
Dorothy Cusick
Augustine Davis SL
Rev. Sharee Johnson
Deceased family members
Joan and James Scofield
Marian Disch SL
Barbara Disch Cross
Laura Hiner Dixon
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Peggy Jo Dunn
Robert Leona Edelen SL
John and Mary Geraghty
Margaret Grace Eisey SL
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Mary Ely SL
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Martha Fly*
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Terry and Elizabeth Schoeni
Philibert Fuite SL
Mary Martinez
Ann Francis Gleason SL
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Marietta Goy SL
Jennifer Intagliata
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Mary Vincent Breek
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and Paul Mary Grennan SL
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John and Lois Hammett
and family
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Margaret E. Keane
Eileen Kelly SL
Robert and Marilyn Tiernan
Jean Kelley SL
Patricia Kelly
David McCarthy
Leo Kirchner
Mary Ann Kirchner
Louis Marie Kroeger SL
Larry and Mary-Mel Kroeger
Mary Lynn Meade Lally
Kevin Lally
Mildred Lancaster
Mary Rose and Charles George
Kay Lane SL
Alfred Frey
Suzanne Reasbeck
Marion Liang
Alice Chow Mans
Rose Annette Liddell SL
Barbara Dolan Meinert
Loretto
Deceased members of Loretto Academy Kansas City, class of 1966
Sharon Mickelson

My teachers at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 1943-50, Loretto Academy, 1950-54, Webster College, 1954-58
Barbara Marshall
Nerinx and Webster College classmates, class of 1945
Marguerite Allan
Sisters who taught at St. Ann's, Arlington, Va.
Kathleen Titterton
St. Benedict, Louisville, Ky.
Sally Newcomb
Alice Ann Love*
Joy Conlon and Roman Gales
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Edwin Mary McBride SL
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Frances Candlin
Helen Ryan McMillen, Bethlehem Academy, St. John, Ky., class of 1951
Barbara Clark Pawley
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Barbara Webb
Katherine Misbauer SL
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Loretto Heights College, 1962
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Loretto Heights College, 1949
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College, 1961
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David J. Rock, Sterling, Ill.,
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Gayle Rogers
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Christy Lucido
Joellen McDonald
Sarah Narkiewicz
Cathi O'Neill
Maureen O'Shea
Michelle Sumner and Rachel Sass
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Heights College, 1952
Judy Murphy

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Matthew Stiles, MD

Frank and Maria Suchi

Ronald and Rose Deering

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The back story

Dear Friends of Loretto,

Thank you. I write on behalf of all of Loretto. We are grateful for your gifts that secure the future of our work and our retirement. I turned 80 in January, and I'm retiring from the job of Development Director. I expect that I'll continue to write my share of thank you notes to you — a task that allows me to connect with you directly and remind you that you share in the life of Loretto – community, spirituality and mission.

You know our new director, Virginia Nesmith, as my development assistant the past two years. Virginia has been a fellow traveler with Loretto since she was an undergraduate at Webster University in St. Louis. Her respect and affection for the Loretto Community has continued to grow as she worked with us directly. She appreciates the very real compassion and love that she has experienced and observed on the many levels in which Loretto operates.

Virginia shares our vision of working for justice and acting for peace. All of her adult life, her passion has been to stand with farmworkers seeking justice in the fields. She understands the dangers of unbridled military spending. She gets it that the Earth needs us to change in big ways and in the small acts we can each take on. In short, while she is not a sister or a co-member, she's committed.

You too, dear readers, can be more active with Loretto if you wish. Old as many of us are, we still have a voice. We can continue to be a force for change. I plan to join the Poor People's Moral March in Washington, DC, June 18. I'll look for you. Meanwhile, consider the opportunities listed in the box below. To participate, send a note to developmentdirector@lorettocommunity.org. With this call to action, I leave you in Virginia's capable hands.

With great love and gratitude,



Sister Mary Ann McGivern SL
Development Director



Might you be interested in joining us for any of the following?

- ◇ Our Latin America/Caribbean Committee hosts a Zoom Spotlight on the fourth Friday of every month with people working with migrants and for change of our immigration laws.
- ◇ The Loretto Earth Network participates in a listserv that keeps us up to date.
- ◇ The Peace Committee publishes an occasional newsletter and currently is calling for reflections and prayers for Ukraine. We are sponsoring a Community read of John Hershey's "Hiroshima."
- ◇ Sandra Hareld publishes a monthly Loretto Circle e-newsletter with a focus on what's happening in Loretto. Poetry and spiritual reflections are regular features.
- ◇ The Good Trouble Working Group is studying reparations and has joined the Poor People's Campaign, leading a Loretto delegation to the Poor People's Moral March on Washington June 18.

If any of these pique your interest, please send an email to developmentdirector@lorettocommunity.org.





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