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Claudia Calzetta SL



"Being a member of the Loretto Congregation has been a deeply meaningful journey of ministry, community and relationships. As a transfer from another community, I first encountered Loretto through Mary Ann Coyle SL, then Loretto president, at a dinner at Kathy Sullivan SL's home. When I asked her how to begin the transfer process, she simply replied, "Oh dear, just send me a letter," making me feel immediately welcomed. I eventually moved in with Kathy and came to know the sisters at the Loretto Center in St. Louis. Mary Mangan SL, Ann Patrick Ware SL, Corrina Vetter SL and Anthony Mary Sartorius SL took time to introduce me to the Loretto spirit, Community and mission. I spent many Sundays at the Center, playing piano for Mass, participating in a book club, sharing meals and attending Community events.

"The opportunity to pursue my dream of serving as a campus minister drew me to Loretto. For 12 years, I accompanied young adults in their faith, and personal and vocational development. In the fall of 2012, I began serving as Loretto Volunteer coordinator in St. Louis, carrying forward the original spirit of the program by inviting young adults to live in intentional community with people whose perspectives differed from their own, serve without financial compensation and carry Loretto values into their future careers and lives.

"Today, as formation director for Pakistan, I have the privilege of accompanying three Pakistani women through their formation and academic journeys, supporting them in earning college degrees that will prepare them to return to Pakistan as educated, professionally-qualified women able to serve as educators, finance professionals, parish coordinators and in other ministries related to their theological formation. To accompany them from their novitiate through their first profession as Sisters of Loretto at the Foot of the Cross has been one of the greatest privileges of my 25 years in Loretto."

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Jeannine Gramick SL



Jeannine transferred from another order 25 years ago to continue and further her longterm LGBTQ support ministry. She met Sisters of Loretto as she pursued her work for justice. She shares,"All these Loretto sisters inspired me with their sense of integrity, wisdom and courage to speak publicly in the face of prejudice toward the underdog. I also knew that the Loretto Community was a leader in the call of the Second Vatican Council to adapt to the modern world, and I wanted to be a part of this exciting group of women!"

"Loretto," she says, "has been an ideal Community to nourish my social needs and my desire to work toward a more just society." Her active life in Loretto has been "enriched with many friendships."

"I truly love all the Loretto Community members I know and feel loved in return. I feel proud that I cast my lot with Loretto's early founders who struggled on the frontier to bring the 'Good News' to the poor and disenfranchised. And I feel privileged that I cast my lot with the Lorettos of today who work to improve the fate of those who suffer from injustice, oppression and deprivation of dignity."

When she took final vows in Loretto, she says, "I made a public commitment to a religious and Christian life and ministry. I vowed to live simply, to share any material and spiritual resources I may have, to love rightly and reverently and to continue to discern and follow God's call for me. I have been so very blessed to live these vows and minister for 25 years as a Sister of Loretto."

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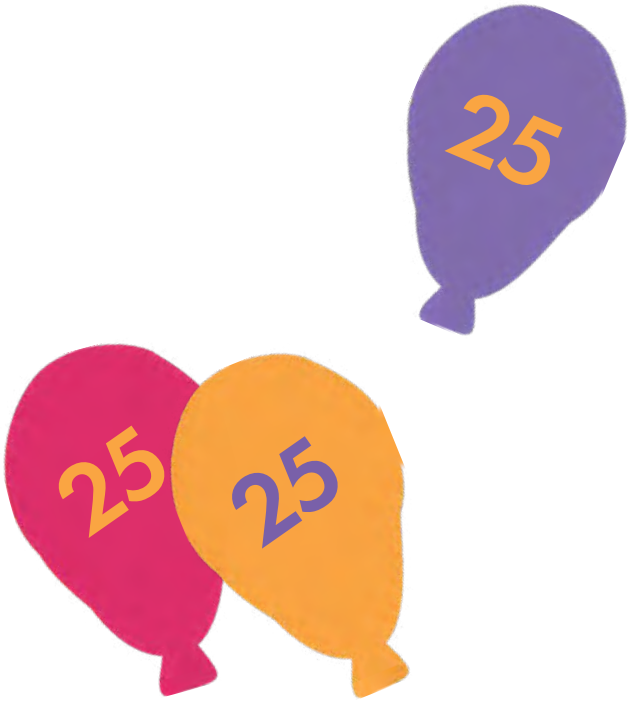
Patricia says, "I have my Loretto 'Work for justice, act for peace' pin that I carry with me at all times when I go out."

Loretto energy, Loretto spirituality and Loretto service drew her to the Community 25 years ago.

The spiritual connection is the aspect of belonging that has meant the most to her. She stays in touch with the Community through local get-togethers and online retreats, adding, "It's just knowing that there are people that support you. Where else do you get this? … I have belonged to churches before, and it doesn't quite match up to what Loretto has done and is doing."

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We also extend hearty congratulations to Nasreen Daniel SL.