

Bread Broken

SISTERS OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY — WILMETTE, ILLINOIS



“

*This will be our reply to violence:
to make music more intensely, more beautifully,
more devotedly than ever before.*

”

Leonard Bernstein

I loved the carefully hand-colored art work in the magazine. The bio's of the Jubilarians were very, very interesting!

- **Elaine Harwood**
Evanston, IL

Enjoyed so much reading your magazine and congratulate you on the literary level!

- **Maureen Breen**
Austin, TX

What a beautiful cover for the spring edition of BREAD BROKEN! As always, I read every word of the articles—so well written and interesting.

- **Sandra Hale**
Dayton, OH

I really liked the cover of the magazine.

- **Reynold Boitano**
Rolling Meadows, IL

Many, many thanks for the 2019 issue of BREAD BROKEN. The cover is so colorful and meaningful. Also—the art work of many of your Sisters. I love reading it and then I put it in the library so it is available for our Sisters.

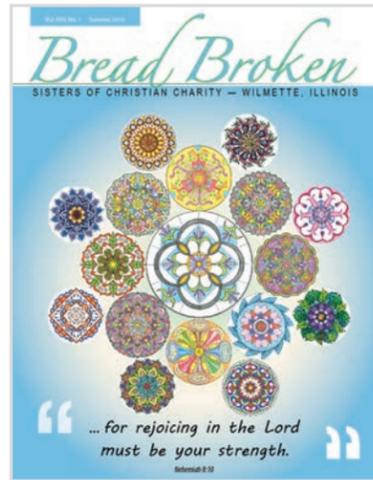
- **Sr. Olivia Scully, PBVM**
Fargo, ND

Thank you once again for another most enjoyable reading issue of BREAD BROKEN. It was a delightful journey—with all of you—from cover to cover!

- **Jean Bishop**
Wilmette, IL

Another uplifting and spirit-filled BREAD BROKEN! Love all the pictures as well. Thank you for the wonderful talents that publish the BREAD BROKEN magazine. It is so comforting to read and stay connected.

- **Kathy Gerding**
Waconia, MN



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A Note from the Publisher



Hello once again! I hope that when this issue of BREAD BROKEN comes to your house it finds you in good health and spirits!

Knowing that we were going to have the Josephinum Academy choir on our cover, I looked up some quotes on music that might be appropriate to accompany the photo. Sr. Anastasia and I settled on the one that appears there. There were, however, two other quotes that I felt had much to say.

“Music is the universal language of mankind.”
(Henry W. Longfellow)

“So long as the human spirit thrives on this planet, music in some living form will accompany and sustain it.”
(Aaron Copland)

I do know that music is an important part of my life. One song that definitely lifts my spirit and gets my foot tapping is Celtic Thunder’s “A Place in the Choir”. I invite you to take time to listen to one of your favorite musical selections.

In this issue you will also be meeting two new leadership teams: our general leadership team that resides in Paderborn, Germany, and our regional leadership team here in Wilmette. Quite apropos to being introduced to these new or returning leaders is Sr. Joanne Bednar’s article on Mother Pauline’s insights into leadership and how she fulfilled that role.

There is also a tribute to the many volunteers who offer their services at Sacred Heart Convent. I enjoyed speaking with each of them and hearing how each came to be with us. Volunteers make so much possible! To any of our readers who are engaged in volunteer service of any type: “Keep up your good work!”

God bless each of you and give you a happy and healthy new year! ✝

Sister Mary Clement

Cover: Josephinum Academy’s **Unaccompanied Minors** - the school’s a capella choir - during an impromptu performance as they were leaving the building after having presented a remarkable program at Sacred Heart Convent.
(Photo by Sr. Anastasia Sanford, SCC)

Page 2: A “random act of flowers” - see back cover
(Photo by Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, SCC)

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Text and photos by Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, SCC

Go make a difference, we can make a difference / Go make a difference in the world. ...We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need. ...Go make a difference in the world. These words written by Steve Angrisano are most relevant to this article as our volunteers do make a difference in our world. They have become as family to us.

Erma Bombeck wrote *The Volunteer* on June 24, 1975. She begins: "I had a dream the other night that every volunteer in this country, disillusioned with the lack of compassion, had set sail for another country." She ends: "I fought in my sleep to regain a glimpse of the ship of volunteers just one more time. It was to be my last glimpse of civilization . . . as we were meant to be." Rest assured, Erma, the ship has returned—if indeed it ever really left.

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."

(Sherry Anderson)



Mary Pat Buckley is a long-time volunteer at Sacred Heart Convent. Although her mother, Isabel, had been a volunteer earlier at Sacred Heart, it was through the women's club at St. Joseph Parish that Mary Pat felt her call. Mary Pat is a "Jack

of all trades". In the dining room, she carries trays, joins the Sisters for meals and then collects dishes. Early on she began reading to Sr. M. Madeline (dec.) and wheeling Sr. Mary Cletus (dec.) outside. Now she reads for Sr. Mary Eileen and is also Sister's scribe—writing her letters and cards. Mary Pat is also great at decorating. She intrepidly climbs the ladder to hang decorations from the ceiling and also tapes them on the walls. She assists in preparing holiday parties and enters fully into them—always taking care of what needs to be done. If help is needed anywhere, Mary Pat is willing to pitch in.



Joan Butzen learned about helping at Sacred Heart Convent through an item in the St. Joseph bulletin which extended an invitation to help the Sisters at the convent in various ways. As a volunteer, Joan goes way back—at least 20 years. In fact, she was around when there were two serving times for each meal and the dining room was filled! In

the beginning, Joan actually helped to feed the Sisters. Joan also visits with the Sisters and has fond memories

of so many of them. She remembers names from way back and can relate stories about several of them!

Emily Hayden became acquainted with the SCCs through the women's club at St. Joseph's when the guild to which she belonged hosted its annual "shower" for the Sisters at Sacred Heart Convent. In 2016, the club made known the need for volunteers at the convent—especially at meal times. Emily comes every other Monday evening to help with trays, chat with the Sisters and help with dishes. Emily is a literacy specialist at The Joseph Sears School nearby. Her two boys are active in scouting and we are often the happy recipients of free tickets to delicious pancake breakfasts.



"Volunteers are love in motion!" (author unknown)



Joan Henrick joined the Sacred Heart volunteer staff when Sally Turbov, Director of Nursing, came to Sacred Heart in October 2015. Joan and Sally had worked together at

Mather House in Wilmette and Joan was one of Sally's first recruits for Sacred Heart. Joan is a nurse by profession and her favorite aspect of nursing is geriatric

hospice care. Joan usually comes in every other Tuesday to provide manicures for the Sisters. Joan enjoys coming and her "clientèle" surely appreciate her skill. Conversation and laughter flow easily as Joan works. Joan also provides refreshments for her customers! [When Sr. Mary Clement was speaking with Joan for this article, they discovered that Joan's first cousin was a classmate of Sister's at St. Martha's in Morton Grove. Small world!]

Shani Hirsch comes on Tuesday mornings to help at the reception desk. She has a pleasant "telephone" voice as well as a clear voice for calling over the PA system. Shani is the mother of seven children (8th grade to law school). Last Christmas, her entire family came and presented a Christmas pageant for the Sisters. This nativity play is a tradition started by her mother 54 years ago. The performance at Sacred Heart was their first public appearance. Shani also visits with the Sisters on the third floor as she loves "to hear their stories of love and devotion". She also on occasion brings treats for Fresh Air Fridays. Shani enjoys coming to be with the Sisters and appreciates the peaceful environment.



Loretta Jacobs is one of our newer volunteers—being with us about four years. Loretta first met us when she brought someone else (as a favor to Mary Pat Buckley) to be with the Sisters on the third floor. Loretta felt very much at home and liked the environment. She met

Sr. Karen and inquired about volunteering, was told there was a need at the reception desk and she stepped in with enthusiasm and a sense of humor. Loretta recently moved into an independent living facility where she has become very active and involved.

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."

(H. Jackson Brown, Jr.)

Theresa Lu, a Companion of Pauline, is another long-time volunteer at Sacred Heart. She steps lively into the dining room on many days and helps with trays and drinks and then with the dishes. Theresa often brings family photos or craft items that she has made or drawings that she has done and enjoys going from table to table to show them to the Sisters. Theresa also visits with the Sisters on the third floor. Theresa is very proud of her garden and brings fresh flowers, fruits and vegetables for all of us at Sacred Heart to enjoy.



Mary Pearce—as did Emily Hayden—met the Sisters through Guild #4 of the St. Joseph's women's club at their "shower" at



Sacred Heart. Mary comes on Wednesdays to help with the Sisters' dinner trays at noon. She then joins the Sisters at various tables and adds a new voice to the conversation. Mary also reads to Sr. Mary Eileen after dinner on Wednesdays. Reading includes the Bible, community letters, meditations on Scripture. Currently they are trying to "get through" the Book of Kings!



Vicki O'Donnell is a blessing at our reception desk. For some time her cheerfulness and friendliness have been heard by all who call or who come to the door. She, in turn, feels that she is gifted by the people and atmosphere at Sacred Heart. She appreciates the peace and serenity and says that she returns home as though she has just come from a spa. By profession Vicki is an accountant.

Sophia Phichagrum has been volunteering at Sacred Heart Convent for about 17 years. It all began when she had a chance meeting with Sr. Janice Boyer and Sr. Maria Martin Nguyen in a restaurant. Because the Sisters looked so joyful and peaceful Sophia approached them and said she had some free time and would like to be of service. (Up to this time she had never seen a Sister except in the movies and only later did she embrace the Catholic faith.) Sr. Janice brought Sophia to Sacred Heart Convent and she has continued coming ever since and has endeared herself to all. Sophia has helped in many ways over the years: visiting and feeding Sisters on the third floor, carrying trays and visiting with the Sisters in the dining room, helping with dishes, bringing flowers for chapel and showing concern in so many loving ways.



Astrid Rehbock helps out as receptionist twice a week for two hours in the afternoon. She says it is a “nice break from routine”. Astrid met us through a fellow member of the Legion of Mary at St. Joseph Parish. When the phone gives her quiet time, Astrid likes to pray and read and meditate at the desk. She enjoys visiting with the Sisters and mentions the “insights and wisdom” that she receives from them.



“If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito.”
(Betty Reese)

Nellie Ross learned about the SCCs through the women’s club at St. Joseph’s when it was announced that the Sisters needed help—particularly at the reception desk. Nellie has been a volunteer for about five years. Her friendly voice and gracious manner make her a natural for this work. Nellie also works with Mary Pat Buckley to help arrange parties—decorating, providing refreshments, keeping things lively. Nellie is also busy with needlework at the desk! Although she is now quite taken up with her first grandchild (a boy) she still has time for the Sisters at Sacred Heart convent.



Cathy Stegich has been cutting hair at Sacred Heart Convent for close to twenty years! She is a contender for the “Longevity Award” in our family of volunteers. Wednesday is “haircut day”. When she first began her service, she would come once a week. Now, with the number of Sisters much lower, she comes every other week. Cathy came

to the Sisters through Arlene Kmiecik, a Companion of Pauline now deceased. Arlene, who had her hair cut by Cathy, asked her about what type of cutter she would suggest for using with the Sisters. Cathy was a bit leery about Arlene’s skills—as was Arlene herself—so Cathy stepped in. There is quite a gathering on the third-floor east porch when Cathy comes. It’s almost like a party!

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

(Elizabeth Andrew)



Shannon Robson and Ellie Engels are two students from Loyola Academy who come to Sacred Heart on Sunday at noon to help with trays and dishwashing. They already show the spirit of service and volunteerism.

And in all the places where volunteers help us out here at Sacred Heart, there are also our Sisters who volunteer for the reception desk, for doing dishes, for running errands. There are also some volunteers of the past who deserve honorable mention: Tom and Audrey Coughlin (dec.), Margaret Grothe, Marie Detarnowski (dec.), Maria Friedrich (dec.) and Lucille Pierson (dec.). If any current volunteers have been forgotten in this article, I offer an apology. Know that you still have our appreciation.

We lift our imaginary glasses of champagne and give a toast in the words of Robert Orben:

“Here’s to all volunteers, those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay.”

God bless you! †

Our SCC Volunteer

Text and photo by Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, SCC

Sr. Maria Martin Nguyen first began her work as a pastoral volunteer in 2007 in conjunction with the St. Joseph Ministers of Care. Sister received her training through the Archdiocese of Chicago—eight sessions of two or three hours. She learned the skill of how to introduce herself to patients and have a conversation with them, how to reach them through prayer, how to approach them about receiving the sacraments. After completing her training and receiving her certificate, Sister began her ministry at North Shore Hospital in Skokie.

When Sr. Maria Martin was transferred to St. Mary of Celle in Berwyn, IL she continued her ministry at Loyola Hospital in Maywood, St. Mary Hospital in Chicago and Rush Hospital in Oak Park. Sister was in Berwyn for eight years. During this time, Sister received many certificates of recognition.

Sr. Maria Martin returned to Wilmette (2015) and reconnected with St. Joseph Parish and again visited patients at North Shore Hospital once a week. Sister expanded her ministry to serve at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston and at Resurrection Hospital in Chicago.

On April 26, 2019 Sister received a certificate from Amita Health Resurrection Medical Center (Resurrection Hospital) in “recognition of your willingness to serve and the difference you make in the lives of others”. Sister had given 500 volunteer hours—and she found joy in each hour. †



Unity Mass

Text by Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, SCC | Photo by Sr. Anastasia Sanford, SCC

Our two parishes here in Wilmette, St. Joseph and St. Francis Xavier, became one parish on Sunday, June 30. On that day there was a Unity Mass in Vattmann Park (named after a priest who served at St. Joseph Parish in Wilmette) to celebrate this union and to remind all parishioners that it is the Eucharist that is truly the center of parish life and activity. Attendance was notable.

Some parishioners were seated on folding chairs and others brought their own lawn chairs and blankets. The Mass was an exuberant celebration. Father Wayne Watts, pastor and presider, the lectors and cantors, the combined choirs and the instrumentalists could all be well heard. (The sound system was excellent.) After the liturgy, there was a picnic meal provided by a generous benefactor for all who wanted to stay. The Lord provided good weather—the storm only came in the afternoon.

Fr. Wayne later wrote from “cloud nine” that the “way we have come together to praise God and help one another to build community gives me joy and courage to move forward together with you to continue to create greatness.” Sr. Mary Clement Eiden was quoted in the Chicago Tribune: “I think it (the union) should work well because these are two complimentary organizations with a lot of gifted people. This will make the Church in Wilmette even stronger.”

At present, both parish sites will remain open. The Mass schedule has been arranged to provide services at both churches. The St. Francis School site will accommodate students from both parishes from grades 1 through 8. Pre-K and kindergarten classes will be at the St. Joseph School site. †



Nearly 1000 people took part in the Unity Mass.

St. Henry Fest

Text by Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, SCC | Photo by a helpful passerby

At the invitation of Mary Lam, a Companion of Pauline, the Sisters of Christian Charity were invited to participate this past summer at St. Henry Fest. (St. Henry is a Vietnamese parish on the north side of Chicago.) A booth for evangelization and vocations had been organized by Mary and other CCD teachers at the parish. The fest was held on July 13 and 14—a Saturday and a Sunday. Sr. Mary Ann Warwick and Sr. Mary Clement Eiden attended the fest on both days and were at the booth/table from 5-8:00 p.m. Sr. Anastasia Sanford was kind enough to be their chauffeur both going and returning. Sr. Maria Martin Nguyen joined these two on Sunday—and was the chauffeur.

The SCCs handed out material on Mother Pauline and had back issues of BREAD BROKEN on the table. The Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters were also present at the table. The CCD teachers had a unique game to attract children and youth: a spinning wheel with numbers 1-20. Each number had a corresponding question (three different levels of questions had been prepared). If the correct answer was given, a choice of prizes was available. It was a “drawing card”!

The Sisters also received a taste of some of the many foods that had been prepared. The time at the fest was a true cultural experience. †

Sr. Maria Martin, Sr. Mary Ann, Sr. Mary Clement and Mary Lam (2nd from right) were joined by CCD teachers and Holy Spirit Sisters as they braved high temperatures to staff the booth.



Text and photos by Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, SCC

Sr. Dolores Bozif

An anonymous adage states: “Busy hand are happy hands”. According to that, Sr. Dolores Bozif must have extremely happy hands.

Sr. Dolores came to Sacred Heart Convent from New Orleans in August of 2014. Her major responsibility is as sacristan. As such, there are many “little” things that Sister has to remember: filling the holy water fonts, watering the plants and flowers, lighting candles and vigil lights, seeing that the vestments, altar cloths, purificators, finger towels, etc. are always clean and available and ordering chapel supplies. Most importantly, each day Sister puts out the items needed for the Eucharistic liturgy. All the Sisters recognize Sr. Dolores’ skill in making floral arrangements. This is something that Sister got tips on



Sr. Dolores enjoys quilling and makes beautiful cards with meticulously-wound paper decorations.

when she was working at St. Vincent’s Home in St. Louis. Whatever flowers she buys or is given, her hands bring forth something beautiful!

Sr. Dolores also enjoys gardening. She has her special area outside by the east porch and it is pleasant to walk by and see the colors. She tends the flowers and admits of only one major problem. “The squirrels,” she said, “tend to nibble at buds and twigs, dig up bulbs and scurry through the flower beds without thinking of the damage they are causing.” For the most part, though, her garden thrives.

Baking is another talent that Sr. Dolores has. For special occasions, e.g. Christmas, Easter and St. Patrick’s Day, she goes over to the Center and spends time in the kitchen there making cookies. They

are always a special treat for the Sisters at Sacred Heart.

Sister’s hands are also busy in our convent library. She catalogs new books as they come in and re-shelves the returned books. She maintains general good order—especially keeping the materials on the magazine and newspaper tables neatly arranged. It is not difficult to find that for which one is looking. In a large community where all have easy access to library materials, someone who has an eye (and hands) for order is appreciated.

Communication also keeps Sr. Dolores’ hands at work. Sister keeps the two USA units connected by writing name-day letters to the province and local leaders of the Eastern Province. This is about 15-20 letters each year. Sister is happily surprised when some of the recipients respond to her and thank her for remembering them and writing.

Sister also prepares lessons and projects for her Religious Education class at St. Joseph Parish. She teaches the fourth grade on Sunday mornings and is a dedicated and solicitous educator. Sister recognizes the importance of a solid foundation in the faith.

Sister’s hands produce a number of arts and crafts. She has her chores in the scullery and her time at the reception desk. She serves refreshments at Fresh Air Friday. I am sure that you have come to realize that Sr. Dolores’ hands are productively engaged. †



Sister prepares to do the never-ending task of arranging and watering flowers in chapel.



Sr. Dolores’ floral arrangements often grace the high altar.

INTO DEEPER COMMUNION

Text by Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, SCC and Sr. Marie Pauline Demek, SCC

Mother Pauline's prayer was that her Sisters would share that unity for which Jesus prayed for at the Last Supper: "That all may be one" (John 17:1). All of the Units of the SCC Congregation are indeed one as we, guided by Mother Pauline's charism and our Constitutions, live out the Gospel mandates. At times, there is personal connection as Sisters move among the Units for meetings, projects and the learning of languages.

At this point in our shared history, the Sisters of the Eastern and Western Units in the United States are committed to deepening the communion among them. At the regional chapter of the Western US Unit the delegates unanimously approved a "preferred future" as stated: "The Western Region desires to approach the Eastern Province with the possibility of creating a new communion: a North American Province." This desire was communicated both to the general leadership and to the leadership of the Eastern Unit. At its provincial chapter, the East responded to this call for deeper unity: "The Sisters of the Eastern Province (including voting delegates, not-voting participants and prayer members at the motherhouse) unanimously affirmed the desire of our Western Region 'that we begin to create a deeper communion' between us."

On February 18, the Sisters of the Western Region received this news via a phone call from Sr. Mary

Edward Spohrer, provincial. Sr. Juliana Miska wrote an account of all that happened in a very short time so we have the joy and excitement caught in writing. Sr. Janice Boyer had left the Center about 25 minutes before the first call from Sr. Mary Edward came. Sr. Juliana caught Sr. Janice on her cell phone as she

had stopped at an oasis on her drive to Iowa. Sr. Janice and Sr. Mary Edward connected and Sr. Janice called Sr. Juliana back to ask her to gather all the Sisters from the Center and Sacred Heart Convent within the next hour to hear a message from Sr. Mary Edward. Getting the technology in place so that all the Sisters could hear and getting the Sisters gathered in the community room at Sacred Heart was a feat quite quickly accomplished.

At 2:00 p.m. the call from Sr. Mary Edward came. All of the Sisters of the Eastern Province were gathered with her. "After the

announcement, there was clapping on both sides" which only Sr. Anastasia and Sr. Juliana could hear. One stanza of "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" was sung by both groups and there was another round of clapping. Moments of solidarity! After the call, the Sisters at Sacred Heart sang "Hail to Our Dear Mother Foundress" and Sr. Joretta Condne's "Glory Be". When Sally, the Director of Nursing, came to get some of the Sisters she said: "The Sisters are very happy. There must be some great news and that calls for ice cream. Everyone is invited to the third floor."

When this "preferred future" was presented at the general chapter, Sr. Joanne Bednar reported that "the Western Region's desire for a new communion with the East, its enthusiastic reception in the East and the subsequent plans for a committee to work on the first steps of implementation stole the day for excitement and congratulations".

To begin with, there will be one general councilor representing the United States. The

"The Sisters of the Eastern Province unanimously affirmed the desire of our Western Region that we begin to create a 'deeper communion' between us."

Smiles and applause as the Sisters hear the good news that every SCC of the Eastern Province desires a 'deeper communion' with the Western Region. (photo by Sr. Anastasia Sanford, SCC)



At the end of their Chapter all of the Sisters in the Eastern Province gathered in chapel for a group photo. (Photo courtesy of the Eastern Province)

Sisters suggested for that office could come from either Unit. There has been a task force appointed to formulate a common mission statement. The two leadership teams continue to communicate with one another through conference calls—as has been the custom for many years. During such a call on May 9 several ideas were presented and discussed. Specific means of communion through dialogue, encounter and collaboration were surfaced. Smaller steps are also being taken. There will be collaboration between the staffs of our publications (WEAVINGS and BREAD BROKEN). There will also be a common photo directory. [This has now been printed and each Sister received a copy.] Other steps will need much more discerning and planning.

All of the Sisters are trusting in the providence of God and his goodness as we journey onward into the future and "make the path by walking". Pray with us and become part of our journey. †

New General Leadership

Text by Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, SCC | Photo courtesy of Sr. Joanne Bednar, SCC

On July 18, the members of the General Chapter being conducted in Paderborn, Germany elected our new congregational leadership (see photo below). These Sisters will hold office for the next six years and oversee the implementation of the General Chapter decisions. Some of these decisions relate to deepening our international communion, continuing emphasis on learning the languages of our Congregation, exploring possibilities for new governance structures, researching concrete possibilities of other ministries in the Philippines in which our Sister can participate. A statement with regard to the plight of migrants in today's world was formulated and steps toward solidarity with immigrants were enumerated.



Sr. Mary Joseph Schultz, the new general councilor/representative for the United States visited the Western Region from October 3 through 10. Sister shared Mass, several meals and other times with the Sisters at Sacred Heart Convent. She was given a tour of the Archives, taken to visit Sr. Theresa Marie Tran in Epworth, IA and closer to home, went on a tour of Josephinum Academy in Chicago. Sr. Mary Joseph stayed at the Center where she could meet with our Regional Leadership Team and get insight into the issues and situations of our Unit. †

Sr. Maria Angelina, Sr. Maria del Rosario, Sr. Mary Joseph and Sr. Adalberta were presented with sunflowers upon the election of the new General Council.

In & Around the Region

New Regional Leadership Team

Text by Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, SCC | Photo by Sr. Maria Martin Nguyen, SCC

On September 8, the Western Region had its “ceremonies” of transition. An 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Convent was offered “in gratitude for the loving, wise, faith-filled and visionary service” of the outgoing leadership team: Sr. Janice Boyer, Sr. Juliana Miska, Sr. Anastasia Sanford and Sr. Mary Ann Warwick. The celebrant was Fr. Wayne Watts, our pastor. Toward the end of Mass, the outgoing team was called forward for a blessing from the Sisters and Sr. Janice was presented with gifts (opened later at the noon meal).

The rite of installation of the new leadership team was held in chapel in conjunction with Evening Prayer at 4:00 p.m. Sr. Maria del Rosario, general superior, called each Sister of the new leadership team forward and announced her appointment: Sr. Juliana Miska, Regional Superior; Sr. Monica Cormier, 1st Regional Councilor;

Sr. Anastasia Sanford, 2nd Regional Councilor; Sr. Mary Ann Warwick, Regional Secretary. Each Sister was handed a small vigil light that had been placed on Mother Pauline’s grave in Paderborn. The Sisters then turned toward the congregation and received a blessing after which they put their candles on the altar. After the service there was supper and the opportunity to congratulate our new leadership team and offer them our love and support. †



Sr. Mary Ann Warwick, Sr. Juliana Miska, Sr. Monica Cormier, Sr. Anastasia Sanford, Fr. Wayne Watts

Mallinckrodt Scholars

Text by Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, SCC | Photo by Sarah Hallett

I was very happy that I was able to meet our two new sophomore Mallinckrodt Scholars at an event at the Gannon Center in early September. It was also great to see our three other current scholars as well as a graduate scholar who has just finished a year of work in Turkey and is now back in Chicago.

Alexandra Almanza is from Round Lake Beach, IL. She is working toward a BA in Political Science and Global and International Studies. Alex is “an avid advocate for immigrant and civil rights”. In this work she sees Mother Pauline as a “shining example” of care and leadership, one who “out of the goodness of her heart, her devotion to God, and her rigid determination to care for [those around her] managed to create a movement of compassion, empathy, and opportunity for those unable to advocate for themselves”.

Sarah Strom is from Traverse City, MI and is majoring in sociology. She has a “passion for public health equity” and is on the road toward a career in public health. Sarah has already had several enriching experiences in the field of healthcare provision. She desires “to carry out Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt’s legacy of caring for the sick, impoverished and marginalized populations through my work at Loyola—innovating ways to fix modern issues such as the inequity occurring within women’s health care.” †



Sr. Janice Boyer, Alexandra Almanza, Sarah Strom, Sr. Mary Clement, Samantha Leary, Emily Roberson and Madeline Ohlms

Leaving New Orleans

Text by Sr. Anastasia Sanford, SCC

In June 2019 the announcement of the impending sale of the Mount Carmel motherhouse—where the SCCs had been renting an apartment—prompted a difficult decision: the Western Region’s withdrawal from the place where the first SCCs in North America had come in 1873. Once the decision was made things happened quickly. Mid-June to moving day was an ongoing blur for the Sisters in New Orleans (Sr. M. Joanne Ladwig, Sr. Monica Cormier and Sr. Francetta Scherer) as they packed and said goodbye to friends and parishioners. On August 22nd Sr. Anastasia (by train) and Sr. Mary Ann Warwick, Sr. Juliana Miska and Sr. Mary Albert Gensterblum (by plane) arrived in New Orleans to help with the move.

The following days each had their activities—including packing. Sr. M. Joanne took Sr. Mary Albert, who had never been in New Orleans, on a tour of the area. Sr. Monica took the visitors to Baton Rouge where they joined some of her siblings for lunch. On Sunday, after Mass and a reception at St. Henry Church, the group drove to Sr. Francetta’s family home where they were having a celebration of her 70th Jubilee combined with a farewell. A visit was made to the shrine of Blessed Andre Seelos where, in the church foyer, a relic of Blessed Pauline is in a display case with other relics. A “must” visit to Cafe du Monde for coffee and beignets was followed by Mass in St. Louis Cathedral.



A lighter moment — enjoying beignets and coffee at Cafe du Monde: Sr. Mary Albert, Sr. Anastasia, Sr. Juliana, Sr. Mary Ann (foreground), Sr. Monica, Companion of Pauline Kathleen Soupenne and Sr. M. Joanne. (photo by a helpful passerby)

Just after 10:30 on Tuesday a white school bus carrying 25 young men—all seniors from Holy Cross High School—appeared in the driveway. The students, led by their teacher and accompanied by a priest, were there to help carry boxes downstairs from the apartment to the rental truck. After all the boxes were in the truck, the young men trooped upstairs to the chapel, where Sr. M. Joanne spoke of the history of the brown scapular and Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Later that day all of the Sisters went to the airport to see that Sr. Mary Albert, Sr. Mary Ann and Sr. Francetta made their 5:00 p.m. flight back to Chicago.

On Wednesday the other Sisters traveled. Sr. M. Joanne’s brother Ed Ladwig had taken a flight from Minnesota the day before; he and Sr. Anastasia drove the rental truck to Wilmette. Sr. Monica and Sr. Juliana drove the car. After an overnight in Blytheville, AR, all were back on the road. They arrived around 7:00 p.m. in Wilmette where a throng of Sisters greeted them and eager hands helped unload boxes. †

Familiar Faces

Text and photo by Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, SCC

Our readers first met Sr. Mary Amata Reifsnnyder in the winter 2015-16 issue of BREAD BROKEN. Sister had come from the Eastern Province to be our interim Director of Nursing for a few months in the fall of 2015. Sr. Mary Amata has never forgotten us and has returned to the Western Region to reconnect. This past August—shortly after she renewed her vows—she was back in Wilmette for a long weekend. The Sisters—as well as the nursing staff—all enjoyed seeing her once again.

In the photo, Sr. Mary Amata is visiting on the third floor. She had invited any of the Sisters who knew Sr. Maria Luisa Garcia M. from the Uruguay/Argentina Region (who was in our province in 2015 for a longer stay) to come and reconnect. Using her cell phone, Sister Skyped Sr. Maria Luisa and several of us could see her and speak with her. It is quite amazing how technically unchallenged Sisters can unite us with other Sisters in the Congregation and deepen our sense of internationality. †



Sr. Mary Amata holds her phone as Sr. Campion Breske, Sr. Mary Cecilia Torborg, Sr. Pauline Schafer and Sr. Alice Mary Ortmann join the conversation.

Sharing Pauline's Vision



Pauline von Mallinckrodt as Leader

Text by Sr. Joanne Bednar, SCC

contrary, since it has always been my honest endeavor to comply to the best of my ability with all orders and wishes of the civil and ecclesiastical authorities, both of these had the kindness to support my wishes regarding corporation rights for the Community.

Pauline to His Excellency, The Royal Privy State Minister of the Interior, Baron von Manteuffel in Berlin, January 1849

A good leader is fair in his/her dealings with all persons involved

Regarding the young girl about whom you wrote to me, the result of my speaking with a teacher of the local training school is the following. Since a number of young girls applied last fall for entrance exams to the Teachers' Training College and about 24 or more passed the examinations very satisfactorily—although only 10 could be accepted on account of lack of room—it stands to reason that the remaining girls have a far greater claim to admission than this one who did not take the examination.

Pauline to Alfred Huffer, February 27, 1849

A good leader is able to acknowledge that he/she was wrong.

Although the content of your last letter was disagreeable to me, I could nevertheless not withhold my recognition, since—unfortunately—you again were right. Therefore, I took pains to work out a way that would satisfy your requirements, and I would be very happy if our amiable chief declared himself satisfied with them.

Pauline to President Baron von Bodelschwingh, Munster, March 1, 1849

A good leader secures all the information needed prior to making a decision. At the same time, he/she delegates decisions to those who know the situation best.

I did not properly understand Sr. Juliana's arrangements regarding your transactions; therefore, you please be so kind as to inform me of the essentials... What information was in the letter from Sr. Josepha's brother, which arrived but had not yet been opened when Sr. Juliana left?

I cannot make a judgment regarding Sr. Bernharda's full power of authorization. Be prudent; if it seems necessary to Sr. Bernharda, to you and to Mr. Vennemann that you authorize another person, you may do so. It is unpleasant when authorizations are lost.

Pauline to Sister Wunibalda, January 1878

How wise and prudent a model we have in Pauline! ✚

One might say that Pauline von Mallinckrodt was a natural leader. Perhaps that is true, but even the best leaders need to develop their natural gifts and talents. Pauline's letters reveal many qualities of leadership.

A good leader learns to make difficult decisions.

I informed you in my previous letter that I was very well satisfied with our help. Unfortunately, however, I must already dismiss one of the girls. I regret losing her since she is extremely diligent, helpful and honest. However, I cannot do otherwise. In the beginning she gave notice of resigning, and now when she would like to stay, I cannot keep her. One of the other servants said that she would have to resign if the one in question stayed, and I positively cannot dispense with the former. This matter has caused me much distress, all the more so since it was my first experience in such matters. Now I am really happy since I finally know what I am to do and have made a firm decision.

Pauline to her grandmother, January 2, 1835, 4 months after her mother's death

A good leader understands the need for working through legitimate authority, both ecclesial and civil.

For many years I have devoted myself in Paderborn to the care and education of the poor blind. In order permanently to guarantee to them persons specially trained for this work...I intend to use part of my fortune to found a Community of Sisters of Christian Charity for the education and service of the blind. The Most Reverend Bishop of Paderborn wished that this Community bear the name "Sisters of Christian Charity" in order to avoid confusion; e.g., in wills, etc., with the Community of Sisters of Charity already existing there; and he granted the ecclesiastical approval.

Nor did the President find cause for objection; on the

Companions of Pauline

New Members in New Orleans

Text by Sr. M. Joanne Ladwig, SCC | Photos by Sr. Anastasia Sanford, SCC

On August 24 or 26, the new active Companions of Pauline made their Covenants at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Convent. A large group of SCCs and three members of the Companions of Pauline were present.

Both Greer Adams and her mother, Yolanda Adams, had desired to be Companions of Pauline for the last several years. In time, they decided to join together which made it easier to arrange for the formation meetings. Greer belongs to the Companions of Pauline to help her grow spiritually. She is inspired by the faith of Blessed Pauline and her service to the poor and sick. Greer works as a pharmacist and care-giver to her mother. Since 2015 she had been joining the group as much as she could for retreats, meetings and special events. Yolanda will be a Prayer Companion. Greer wrote: "My mother is very loving, selfless, generous, kind, faith-filled, prayerful and trustworthy." She enjoys learning about Mother Pauline and spending time with the Sisters of Christian Charity.

Joyce Chiantella became a Companion of Pauline because she wanted to express her "thanksgiving for the inspiration that the Sisters of Christian Charity gave [her] in religious formation at St. Raphael School and to spread devotion to Mother Pauline so others can imitate her." At St. Antony of Padua Parish, Joyce is a catechist and an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. She is described as "always busy dividing her time between church, family, substitute teaching and still finding time for friends."

Marilyn Harsch is a high school teacher and also tutors students after school. Marilyn joined the Companions of Pauline to strengthen her prayer life and to be encouraged and inspired in her ministry. As a teacher of young adults and a CCD teacher, Marilyn



hopes to share the Gospel and the SCC mission with them. A friend wrote: "Marilyn is a very friendly, kind and compassionate woman. In her simple, quiet and unpretentious way, she reaches out to all around her."

Greer Adams signs her covenant as Sr. Mary Ann Warwick watches.

Vanessa Matthews is a retired customer service manager. Brother Andrew Stettler, OFM, wrote about her. "Vanessa is very active at St. Mary of the Angels. She is on staff and her direct ministries are sacrament preparation and faith education for adults and children." In her Covenant, Vanessa said, "I believe Mother Pauline is the perfect example of a woman of God."

Debra Theard works for a health organization doing medical coding and billing. She, as Vanessa, is very active in St. Mary of the Angels Church. She is chair



Sisters and Companions join the new members for a photo in the chapel of Mt. Carmel convent: Sr. M. Joanne Ladwig, Sylvia Varsowsky, Marilyn Harsch, Sr. Mary Ann Warwick, Sr. Monica Cormier, Sr. Mary Albert Gensterblum, Beverly Vilorio, Gaynell Marchand, Louis Flattmann, Joyce Chiantella, Vanessa Matthews, Debra Theard, Kathleen Soupenne

of the worship committee and of the Altar Society; an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister and a member of the parish council. For years, Debra has been praying the novena to Mother Pauline. Now she is eager to learn more about the life and work of Blessed Pauline and to work with adults and youth—encouraging them to become more prayerful and engaged in the church.

Sylvia Varsowsky went to St. Raphael Grade School. She is happy to be reconnected with the Sisters of Christian Charity. She volunteered to have the first meeting of this year at her house and to be the active leader for the NOLA group of Companions of Pauline. She is looking forward to learning more about Blessed Pauline. Sylvia belongs to the Altar Society and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus at St. Louis King of France Church.

Lydia Rose is very active in the Friends of St. Henry Group. She, too, was happy to be reconnected to the SCCs when she went to the 200th birthday Mass celebration at Transfiguration of the Lord. Lydia will be a Prayer Companion of Pauline. ✚

Our Future

Imagining and Planning (Part II)

Text and photo by Sr. Monica Cormier, SCC and Sr. Juliana Miska, SCC

*God has shown Himself so exceedingly good in the past.
We may surely count on His goodness in the future.*
(Mother Pauline, 1869)



Sr. Monica, Theresa and Vanessa enjoy a snack before their afternoon sharing session. (Photo by Sr. Juliana Miska, SCC)

With these words of our dear Mother Pauline, we begin our sharing about so much that has happened in the past six months and how it will invite our future to emerge! We shared with you last time about our Regional Chapter and how we had committed ourselves to “creating ways to invite discerners and young adults to have more encounters with the Sisters of Christian Charity”.

That is why we want to tell you about an event we had on September 29. On that Sunday, we invited our discerners to join us for a day of reflection and sharing. We began by going to Sunday Mass together at our Parish in Wilmette, Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier. We spent the day at the SCC Center, praying, reflecting and sharing. For dinner, we joined our Sisters at Sacred Heart Convent.

Some of the other experiences we hope to have in the future will include visiting our Sisters in other local areas to prepare meals together and to experience ministering with the Sisters. We are also looking into having discernment weekends with other religious communities. And, one of the mandates from our Regional Chapter that expresses our desire to create a deeper communion with our Sisters in Mendham, NJ, opens up for us the new possibilities of sharing discernment experiences with them too!

In addition, the Sisters of Christian Charity have begun a ministry partnership with Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Chicago. Fr. Nicholas Desmond,

Pastor, met with our Superior General, Sr. Maria del Rosario—who was visiting us from Paderborn, Germany—Sr. Juliana and Sr. Monica to share with them about this multicultural parish among the poor. We are eager to move forward with our partnership in ministry as our emerging future is unfolding.

Another “emerging future” was revealed to us during our General Chapter in Paderborn, Germany this past July. One of our new and exciting General Chapter mandates had to do with deepening our international communion and having “intentional internationality” experiences. This idea flows from our desire to “strengthen our mission for the life of the Church, for the life of our Congregation and for the life of each Sister” (24th General Chapter Document). In light of this mandate, we can see how a “residence in a multi-cultural parish” (Regional Chapter document) will not only offer our discerners the opportunity to “experience the SCC lifestyle while continuing their work/study”

but can also be a place where Sisters from all Units of the Sisters of Christian Charity may feel called to come and see how they can share in the great grace of spreading the kingdom of God here with us!

It is an exciting time for all of us as we let God lead us lovingly into our emerging future! We thank each one of you for sharing this journey with us and we ask you to keep us, our ministries and our discerners in your prayers. Referring back to Mother Pauline’s maxim: how can our future not be great since God has been so good to us—for the past 170 years! †



Cover of the 2018 Western Region Chapter Document (left) and the 2019 General Chapter Document.

SCCs Around the World

Sisters in Service Across the Globe

Text and photos courtesy of Sr. Pauline Demek, SCC

Our Mission Statement calls us “to give and receive Christ’s love, joy, peace and healing for the life of the world.” This past summer the Sisters of the Eastern Province provided service around the globe to spread Christ’s love and mercy to his poor ones.

In **McAllen, TX**, SCC formators, novices, postulant, discerner and Sr. Marie Jose de la Rosa and Sr. Gabrielle Nguyen offered service during two different weeks in June at the Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley Humanitarian Respite Center. The Center receives refugees that have been released from the nearby ICE Detention Center. The refugees come by bus, about 400-500 persons each day. Sr. Marie Jose reflected on her time there.

The Center relies heavily on Divine Providence regarding personnel, food and supplies. Dozens of volunteers from all faiths, backgrounds and places reported for duty. We assumed a great deal of responsibility—taking charge of the kitchen, managing the growing and complex healthcare needs of the men, women, and children, and developing processes and procedures for distributing meals, hygiene products, clothing, etc. . . The Center truly is a place of respite, a place to begin recovery after a long and difficult journey made even more difficult because of illness, lack of resources, and in some cases, experiences of hatred and resentment. It is a place where children can once again be children. It is a place where dignity can be healed and restored. Our greatest lesson and privilege was to be able to stand with the Church and, with open arms, say “Welcome”.

A summer initiative—sponsored by Morris Catholic High School in Denville, NJ—was an opportunity for special service for Sr. John Paul Thorley, math teacher at Morris Catholic. With parents, teachers and students, Sister traveled to **Uganda, Africa** and spent two June weeks in Soroti helping at the schools of the Little Sisters of St. Francis. These schools are specifically for the blind, a ministry dear to Blessed Pauline. Activities included teaching, recreating with the children, maintaining the buildings and working with the staff and community.

Sr. Martin Haubrich of Geisinger Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill, PA has had the privilege of traveling a few times a year to

What an honor it was to meet Sr. Norma Pimentel, MJ (center), Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley and one of the USA’s strongest champions of immigrants!



Sr. John Paul spent two weeks in Soroti, Africa helping at the schools of the Little Sisters of St. Francis.

Honduras and the **Philippines** with the World Surgical Foundation (WSF). Its mission is to provide charitable surgical and nursing health care to the world’s underserved in developing nations. Once the team arrives, a medical triage area is established. Sr. Martin comments on her work with WSF over the years.

Medical missions are the means through which the poor receive care. I always come away changed and enriched. The patients and their families are so grateful—and they give you wonderful hugs!

In **Bronx, NY** a coalition of parents, teachers, students and members of the Bronx community told elected officials to clean up the drugs in the area around Immaculate Conception School so that the streets would be safe for those who live and work there. Under the active leadership of Sr. Patrice Owens, who has served 19 years in Bronx, the Take Back the Hub Committee meets regularly to organize rallies and to demand resources that will improve the quality of life for families in the community and provide resources for the marginalized. †



Connections

Text and photos by Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, SCC

Yes, They Did Return!

Mary Clare Connelly and Louise Edwards are two former Loyola Academy students who volunteered for serving and scullery duty for three years at Sacred Heart Convent on Sunday evenings. They graduated and headed off to college: Louise to the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and Mary Clare to the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. During this past summer Louise and Mary Clare came back together twice to visit with the Sisters and help out in their usual ways. The Sisters were delighted to see the girls/women again.

Mary Clare is a pre-med student. During the summer she worked at Abbott's pharmaceutical company in North Chicago as an intern in the drug discovery department. Some of her classes this fall were chemistry, physics and neuroscience.

Louise has not yet declared a major. During the summer, Louise worked at Bennison's Bakery (Evanston) on the weekends and filled her week days helping with research at Northwestern University in the psychology department. Some fall courses for Louise were public health and computer science. †



Sr. Alice Mary Ortmann stopped our former volunteers Mary Clare and Louise for a photo as they were once again carrying supper trays.

Memories

Visitors from Minnesota came by in later September: Katie Oswald Scheurer and her two daughters, Amanda Henderson and Rachel Pichelmann. Katie is the sister of our



Amanda, Rachael and Katie enjoyed a visit with Sr. Joan Clare Cooney.



inset: "In her short religious life, Sister M. Lorraine gave evidence of a deep love for the Blessed Sacrament and a thoughtful consideration of others. ... Her friendly smile and sisterly interest in what was going on endeared her to all" (obit. letter).

deceased Sr. Lorraine Oswald (1941-1969). As Katie shared: "I wanted my daughters to meet the Sisters that might have memories of my sister because of the happy memories I had of her when she was alive. I wanted to reconnect with Sisters who had known Sr. Lorraine." One such Sister is Sr. Joan Clare Cooney who had taught Katie and her brother, Tom, at Cathedral High School in New Ulm, MN. In fact, Sr. Joan Clare (formerly Sr. Clarette) and

Sr. Lorraine's parents "were constantly at the side of our sick Sister, who never regained consciousness after surgery" (obit. letter). The three felt that the purpose of the visit was more than adequately met and were most grateful for the time spent with the Sisters. †

Father and Son

Ruth Shea was an art student of Sr. DeLourdes Bragg (dec.) at Mallinckrodt College and continued her art classes when Sister moved down to Sacred Heart Convent and had her art room in the basement. Ruth always brought Tucker, a little yapper, whom many of the Sisters remember.

Ruth and her husband, Richard, had one son, James, who was studying for the priesthood. Ruth had hoped that she would live long enough to see her son ordained, but she died of cancer before that day. Richard has dropped by on occasion since his wife died. On September 22 he came once again with Fr. Jim, S.J. who is teaching in Chicago. It was a joy to see them and to receive Fr. Jim's priestly blessing. †



Richard and Fr. Jim made their way around the dining room, visiting with the Sisters. Here they are talking with Sr. Karen Zgutowicz.

In Memoriam



Sr. Margaritis Kullowitch joined her voice to the heavenly chorus on May 23, 2019. She was 81 years old. Catherine Kullowitch was born on May 26, 1937 in Chicago, IL. On August 30, 1951 Catherine entered the SCC Juniorate and moved through the phases of formation. She pronounced her Perpetual Vows on August 20, 1963.

Sr. Margaritis' ministry through most of her life was as a teacher in the primary grades. In 1977, Sister was sent to the South where--except for several months in Chicago when she took care of her father--she would spend close to 30 years. In a letter received many years later, the write noted: "Sr. Margaritis taught the children how to enjoy school and to sing about subjects (like Math)."

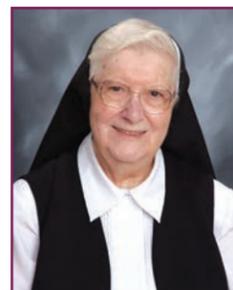
In 2014 Sister was assigned to Sacred Heart Convent where, despite her failing memory, she could for a time visit the Sisters on the third floor and help with light household tasks. Eventually Sister became a full-time patient. At the wake service everyone described her as a "sweet, gentle and loving" person. †



Sr. Henrica Buchert went home to God on June 29, 2019. She was 93 years old. Muriel Buchert was born in New Orleans, LA on December 25, 1925. She entered Maria Immaculata Convent on July 26, 1940, was received into the novitiate in 1942 and made her Perpetual Profession on August 21, 1950.

Sister spent her years of ministry primarily in the field of education. She had a special gift for art and music and loved to share these gifts with her students. For example, in 2006 Sr. Henrica began teaching music to the St. Joseph Pre-School classes and serving as the Assistant Director of the Children's Choir. Sister also taught religion at the Josephinum and was involved in religious education programs in several other schools.

In 2010, Sr. Henrica moved to Sacred Heart Convent where she continued some of her activities: teaching singing at St. Joseph School, teaching in the parish Religious Education Program and tutoring. At her wake people spoke highly of Sister. All agreed that Sister's joyful nature had a profound impact on the children she taught and on the people with whom she ministered. †



Sr. Rosemary Schwer quietly slipped into the arms of our Loving Father on Tuesday, August 27. She was 87 years old and had just celebrated her 70th jubilee. Sr. Rosemary was born in St. Louis, MO on August 14, 1932. On August 21, 1951 she made her First Profession of Vows and completed her years of initial formation on August 20, 1957.

Sr. Rosemary's life in ministry included teaching, nursing, pastoral ministry, community leadership and music. She served in many areas: east, west, north, south. When Sister retired to Sacred Heart Convent, she had a quieter lifestyle, but still served as a Minister of Care at St. Joseph Parish where she was also a member of the choir.

In his homily, Fr. John Shork, CP, commented that he remembered Sr. Rosemary's smile and gentle spirit and that "she cared for her community". The nods of the Sisters and her friends underlined his observations. †

In Memoriam

Sr. Henrica Buchert, SCC
Sr. Margaritis Kullowitch, SCC
Sr. Rosemary Schwer, SCC

Rita Fachman Burwell
Companion of Pauline

Vivian Chiappetta
Companion of Pauline

Audrey Coghlin
Companion of Pauline

Ethel Homan
Sister of Sr. Alice Mary Ortmann
and Sr. Eleanor Ann Ortmann

Kathleen Huelsing
Former SCC

Janet Raiche
Former SCC

Janis Riebling
Former SCC

Sr. Rosaria Schlecter, SLW
Former SCC

Joan Thiry
Former SCC

Father Peter Maria Vu Doc Huc
Companion of Pauline

*Now is the time
of trouble and toil.
But precious will it be
when, at the end of our life,
the Master says,
"I will give the laborers
their pay."*

(Pauline von Mallinckrodt)

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Bringing Joy

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In September, Steffani Zavala, Program Director for *Random Acts of Flowers* (see website) called Sacred Heart Convent and asked if she could bring flowers to our house. The answer of course was a positive one and Steffani came a bit later with about 24 small, vased bouquets. We spread them out on the dining room tables. When the Sisters came in for supper, they were surprised and went to look over and delight in all the beauty. When told they could each have one, choices were made with consideration. What joy these artful arrangements brought to each and every one of us. The photo shows Sr. Francetta Scherer (left) and Sr. Elizabeth Ann Buscher admiring the various creations. ✝

Giving Hope

Text and photo by Sr. Mary Clement Eiden, SCC

Years ago, Sr. Caroline Schafer, Administrator at Sacred Heart Convent, looked on the internet for some organization that might have a need for gently—used wheelchairs, rollators, walkers, etc. She found *Wheels for the World* which “provides the gift of mobility...to those affected by disability worldwide” (website). We made a donation at that time. In the above photo, Sr. Caroline Schafer and Sr. Monica Cormier stand amid the wheelchairs that were brought down just recently from the attic to again help *Wheels for the World*. The firemen of Wilmette also know that if they need sick-room supplies they can contact Sr. Caroline who believes that “what we have we are most willing to share”. ✝

