



Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk

News

Sr. Valerie Receives ICCR's Inaugural Legacy Award for Outstanding Service in Corporate Social Responsibility



Sr. Valerie Heinonen

Sr. Valerie Heinonen is the recipient of the inaugural Legacy Award given by the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) to recognize those whose work has provided a strong moral foundation and an enduring record of demonstrated influence on corporate policies. The ICCR introduced the Legacy Award this year to give recognition to a foundation, non-governmental organization, corporation or individuals whose work has advocated corporate social responsibility.

Sr. Valerie is one of two ICCR members who received the Legacy Award. Sr. Valerie and Mr. Paul Neuhauser, Attorney, have been committed to social justice their entire lives and have been active members since the organization's founding 40 years ago.

In a 2005 New York Times article, Sr. Valerie Heinonen said, "Part of what we are doing is planting seeds." Valerie's own words aptly describe her 35-year commitment to corporate social responsibility. She has "planted seeds" through countless dialogues and resolutions with companies, fearlessly encouraging them to be accountable for the impacts of their businesses.

Issues she has boldly pursued include human trafficking of women and children, protection of the rights of indigenous persons and immigrants, fair treatment of workers, effects of weapons and militarism, environmental and human impacts of chemicals, and fair and equitable access to capital.

Valerie began her ministry in corporate social responsibility in 1976 where she served as ICCR program staff, and briefly as its interim executive director, for 20 years. During the past 15 years, she has served as a corporate social responsibility consultant for her own congregation, as well as for the Dominican Sisters of Hope and the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas. Speaking of Sr. Valerie in the Washington Post, a corporate representative said, "If she has a disagreement with me, she'll put her velvet elbow in my eye, and she'll still be a friend."

Sr. Valerie was honored at ICCR's special event, Taking Stock: Shaping a New Age in Corporate Responsibility on September 22nd at Bridgewater at the South Street Seaport. ■

Letter from the Provincial

Dear Friends,

As I observe the beauty of the changing season, I can't help but think about the cycle of life, death and new life. Mary Oliver says it well in her poem, Fall Song.

*Another year gone, leaving everywhere
its rich spiced residues: vines, leaves,*

*the uneaten fruits crumbling damply
in the shadows, unmattering back*

*from the particular island
of this summer, this NOW, that now is nowhere*

*except underfoot, moldering
in that black subterranean castle*

*of unobservable mysteries – roots and sealed seeds
and the wanderings of water. This*

*I try to remember when time's measure
painfully chafes, for instance when autumn*

*flares out at the last, boisterous and like us longing
to stay – how everything lives, shifting*

*from one bright vision to another, forever
in these momentary pastures.*

All of life is cyclic and demands of us that we pay attention to the changes. What has happened in your life from summer into fall? What losses and new beginnings have you experienced? Personally, at two meetings I attended, I have found new hope and vision among women religious. At our communal gatherings I have found renewed joy and promise. Coupled with this is, of course, the small and large experiences of death especially the deaths of our Sisters and the losses brought on by illness. God's personal love and promise keep us moving forward as you can see by the content of this newsletter.

May you, our friends, continue to be blest.

In a spirit of harmony and joy,

Sister Catherine Talia, OSU

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Sr. Joanne Honored by Vicars for Religious

On Sunday, April 10, 2011, the Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Vicars for Religious honored Sr. Joanne Callahan “for enfleshing the charism of your congregation and enriching the faith of the people of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.” More than 100 sisters and brothers from throughout the diocese gathered at St. Anthony’s High School for an evening of prayer and reflection. This annual gathering provides an opportunity to acknowledge men and women from religious communities who have served the church in extraordinary ways. In presenting the Founder’s Award to Sister Joanne, Brother James McVeigh, OSF, Vicar for Religious, said, “We honor you for your leadership role in Catholic education through the years and in particular as Superintendent of Schools. In your ministry and your life, Joanne, you witness the gospel by enfleshing the spirit of St. Angela Merici.” ■



Diocesan Co-vicars of Religious Sister Mary Walsh and Brother James McVeigh flank honorees Sister Joanne Callahan, Sister Mary Hughes, and Brother Jack Moylan

Sr. Margaret Golub Publishes third book in “Penguins with a Purpose” series

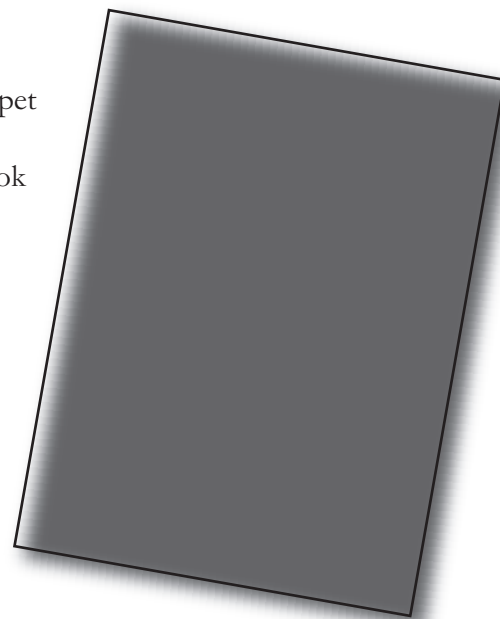
Sister Margaret Golub, (aka Sr. Blanche) known fondly to students as “The Puppet Nun” and “The Penguin Sister,” has once again taken her love of penguins, children and stories and has published PENGUINS GO GREEN, the third book in her “Penguins With A Purpose” series.

In PENGUINS GO GREEN many different species of penguins join together to protect the environment. The penguins explore how children and their families can take better care of the earth. This book joins THE LONELY PENGUIN and the PENGUINS GO FOR THE GOLD in the “Penguins with a Purpose” series.

“Penguins with a Purpose” books may be purchased by mail for \$7.00 per book or \$20 for the complete series plus a nominal shipping charge of \$2.00.

To purchase please send check payable to Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk to:
Sr. Margaret Golub, OSU
Penguins with a Purpose
634 Jones Hill Road
West Haven, CT 06516

For more information call 203-937-7994 or email mgolubosu@att.net



Sr. Deodata Receives UNESCO Literacy Prize

Sr. Deodata Bunzigiye's organization Collectif Alpha Ujuvi (which translates to "Literacy and Curiosity") in the Democratic Republic of Congo, has won a 2011 International Literacy Prize of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The theme of this year's prizes was literacy and peace, with a special consideration to gender equality.

Collectif Alpha Ujuvi received the UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy for its program, *Peaceful Coexistence of Communities and Good Governance* in North Kivu. The province has suffered long-term instability and massive displacement of populations leading to insecurity and lack of peace. The program uses an innovative model for preventing and resolving tensions and conflicts among individuals and communities through developing literacy as a means to building better social cohesion.

Peace Huts used for conflict resolution form an integral part of the program and provide a neutral and friendly dialogue space for problem resolution. This program promotes exchanges and dialogue between community leaders, general population and authorities taking into consideration different characteristics of the province's territories. Since its launch, over ten thousand people have taken part in the Peace Hut process which runs along with literacy classes for adults and young people in both Swahili and French.

The program also aims specifically to integrate women into the community's decision-making process and improve their status.



Sr. Deodata receives UNESCO Literacy Award

The prizes were awarded at an official ceremony on September 8th during International Literacy Day celebrations in New Delhi, India. Sr. Deodata received the \$20,000 prize on behalf of her organization. ■



Jubilarians

Congratulations to the following sisters who will celebrate their jubilees this year:

50 years:

Sr. Helen Chasse
Sr. Mary Anne Sheehan

60 years:

Sr. Jude Kolm
Sr. Joan of Arc Spelman
Sr. Marguerite Torre

70 years:

Sr. Carmel Ruth

80 years:

Sr. Mary Joseph McCarthy

Notes of Gratitude

We are so appreciative of all the notes of gratitude we received from our friends and donors. Your words are gifts that illustrate how our Sisters have impacted your life.

Thank God for Sister Rita McCarthy! She loved me back to life from a hopeless place. I loved her dearly.

Peter R. Pinney
Miami, FL

I have known Sister Cecilia for over 20 years and she has been an inspiration to me for all those years. She taught religious education to both our children. She was a wonderful teacher and I cannot repay her for all she did.

Dorothy Riera
Greenwich, CT

Sister Anna shaped my life in ways I didn't realize until I was older. I feel blessed to have had a 63-year friendship with a beautiful, funny Irish lady who taught me kindness, compassion, humility, a thirst for life I still have and much more.

The education I and others received from women like Sister Anna can never be duplicated anywhere.

Patricia Crager Kehoe Fales
New Hyde Park, NY

We are grateful for your years of dedication to Catholic Education.

We all have fond memories of the Sisters that taught at Holy Family.

Holy Family Reunion Committee

Special thanks to
Frank & Yvonne Quatrala
who have been instrumental in
securing funds for the
Ursuline Sisters from the
Jefferson Ford
Memorial Foundation.

Has an Ursuline Sister made a difference in your life?

Would you consider giving a gift today to help support our retired and infirm Sisters?

Have you thought of including the Ursuline Sisters in your will?

For information on giving opportunities call Hope Motreuil at 631-363-2422, ext. 2003.

Concert at the Convent

On Sunday, April 3, 2011 a concert was held at the St. Ursula Center in Blue Point to benefit the Ursuline Sisters Ministry Fund. The concert was performed by Ms. Barbara Fusco-Spera and her students from L. I. University/ C.W. Post Campus. The music ranged from operatic arias and classical music to Jazz, Broadway and popular standards.



The Performers with the Sisters.



Sr. Judith thanks Barbara Fusco-Spera.

4th Annual Swinging for the Sisters Golf Outing

On June 20, 2011 the fourth annual Swinging for the Sisters Golf Outing benefiting the Retirement Fund was held at the Knollwood Country Club, Elmsford, NY.



Golf Committee Chairperson, Michael Torre with friends.

Sr. Catherine Talia and Sr. Catherine Gardiner sell 50/50 Raffle tickets.



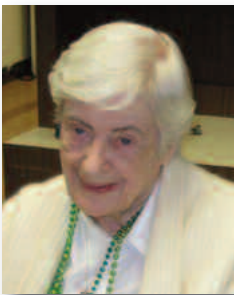
Sr. Marguerite Torre announces the start as Tom Von Essen and Michael Torre look on.

Joy of Eternal Life

We Remember with Gratitude...

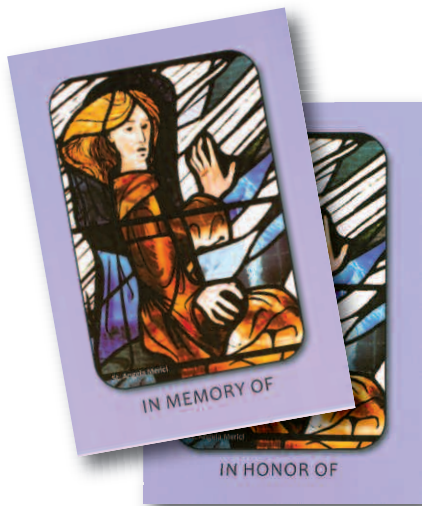


Sister Philomena O'Brien who died April 25, 2011 at the St. Ursula Center Convent in Blue Point, NY. She was 92 years old. She entered the Congregation of the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk on August 22, 1935. She was in the 76th year of her religious profession.



Sister Anna Ardiffe who died April 30, 2011 at the St. Ursula Center Convent in Blue Point, NY. She was 97 years old. She entered the Congregation of the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk on October 3, 1928. She was in the 83rd year of her religious profession.

Gifts in memory of our deceased sisters may be sent to:
Ursuline Provincialate, 81-15 Utopia Parkway, Jamaica, NY, 11432-1308



Rose Bouquet Prayer Enrollment Cards

Our new prayer enrollment cards feature the stained glass image of St. Angela Merici, foundress of the Ursuline Sisters, and can now be used for the living and the deceased. Our new “In Honor of” cards may be sent in honor of birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and many other special occasions. Roses are placed in the chapel of the St. Ursula Center in Blue Point, where liturgy and prayer services are held for all enrolled intentions. The Sisters will remember your intentions in their daily prayers. For “In Memory” intentions, your loved one is entered into a remembrance prayer book.

We would be delighted to send you a complimentary packet of our new cards at no cost. Please call 631-363-2422 ext. 2001 or email info@tildonkursuline.org or send your request to:

Rose Bouquet Prayer Program
Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk
Development Office
186 Middle Road
Blue Point, NY 11715

<p>Roses are placed in the chapel of the St. Ursula Center, Blue Point, New York, where liturgy and prayer services are held.</p> <p>Your loved one is remembered in the daily prayers of the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk. All names are entered into a remembrance prayer book.</p>	<p>A bouquet of roses has been placed in the chapel of St. Ursula Center...</p> <p>In memory of _____</p> <p>at the request of _____</p>
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hmotreuil@tildonkursuline.org*

Upcoming Events

Annual Holiday Fair

November 12, 2011

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

St. Ursula Center

186 Middle Road, Blue Point, NY

Homemade Baked Goods ♦ Crafts ♦ Handmade Items ♦ Raffles ♦ And Much More.

For more information, please call or email Elizabeth Wilson at
631-363-2422, ext. 2060; info@tildonkursuline.org

Interested in volunteering or serving as a committee member for our events?
Please contact Elizabeth Wilson.