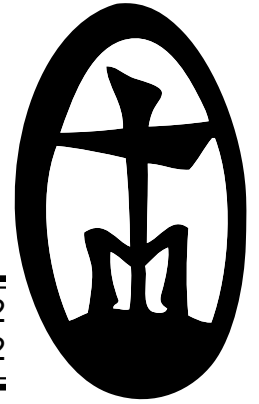


# Mary Notes



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## **Reflections on the Life of My Dad** *by Sister Carol Jean Kuntz*



For the first time in my life, I'll celebrated Father's Day this year without my dad. My dad died a few weeks ago, at the age of 93 (or as he told his nurse, "93 and a quarter") and he was still very much in love with life! He was eager to complete some work in the basement of their house and was at the lumberyard, buying lumber, when he tripped and fell and broke several bones. These injuries led to complications which caused his death.

It is interesting that when one dies, it seems that I no longer remember the negative things but what comes to mind are the things that made the person interesting and unique. It is truly a blessing for me. I was home to visit Mom a few days ago and it struck me that even though Dad's physical presence was no longer there, it seemed that in every room and in conversations, there were memories of him. It seems that:

- the TV should have been on and he would have been watching reruns of Bonanza

or Gunsmoke

- he would be bragging about his "peace garden" and would be taking me out to the backyard to show me the size of his tomato plants.
- he would be ready to play a game of pinochle.
- he would be asking Mom what we where having for lunch and what time it would be served.
- he would be sitting out on the swing in the front lawn watching who went by.
- he would be showing me some pictures or a map.
- he would be driving his little red "Scooter" to make his daily visits to the neighborhood.
- he would have showed me anything "new" since I was last home.
- he would say, "bring me a big glass of 'W'."
- he would be tasting the soup and we would be arguing about how many noodles to put in.

One of my final images of dad, as he was lying unconscious on his hospital bed, was my mom, sisters and brothers all around him as we prayed the rosary together. Our tears were flowing freely and we were able to give comfort to one another as we prayed together. Another blessing was the priest who came to give dad the Anointing of the Sick. He encouraged us each to spend a few minutes alone with dad, even if it was just 15 seconds, to say "I love you, I forgive you, and will you forgive me?" We each did this, starting with Mom and then from the oldest to the youngest of my siblings and myself. Those 15+ seconds were profound. Someone made the remark that it looked like we were going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Really that is what was happening as we asked for forgiveness and received forgiveness.

So Dad, I remember the good things you shared with us and gave to us. You will be missed but I rejoice that you are now with God. May you rest in peace.

## *For the garden of your daily living,*

Plant three rows of peas:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

1. Let us be faithful
2. Let us be kind
3. Let us be patient
4. Let us love one another

No garden is without turnips:

1. Turn up for meetings
2. Turn up for service
3. Turn up to help one another

To conclude our garden we must have thyme:

1. Time for each other
2. Time for family
3. Time for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

~ Author Unknown ~



## **Associate Gathering**

By Sister Anne Germaine

Area Associates gathered at our home, Presentation House, Princeton, IL on March 8th for a day of prayer, fellowship and remembering.

Since November of 2011 the Lord called home to eternal life four of our Illinois Associates.

Jack Everett of Washington, IL, Jennie Del Fiacco and Bob Dall of Princeton, IL, and Bea King of Peru, IL. It was also a time to remember Brother Joel Rousseau who was having open heart surgery that day.

We began the day with a Lenten prayer service which helped us focus on the poor and our need to be one with them in prayer and action through "Operation Rice Bowl," and other ways that we serve. We shared with each other various ways that our hearts are open to the poor and social justice issues of today.

Within our prayer service we lit 4 candles one for each recently deceased Associate and had a sharing of memories which brought them into our midst. We then watched two separate teachings on Conversion: Following the Call of Christ by Fr. Robert E. Barron followed by silent prayer and dialogue. Our dialogue continued around the table as we enjoyed the wonderful meal provided by our Associates.

We plan on setting a date for a fall gathering and continue to have at least two gatherings a year at our home. Everyone enjoyed and appreciated the day together.

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## Open House Held for New MRI Suite and Pharmacy

On Wednesday, March 28, 2012, St. Margaret's Health in Spring Valley, Illinois, held a blessing ceremony and open house for two of their newest departments – the new MRI Suite and the newly renovated Pharmacy area.

The Pletsch MRI Center on the first floor of the hospital, houses a new GE Optima MR450w MRI scanner. This machine provides clear, detailed scans of bones, ligaments, cartilage, blood vessels and organs. The wide-bore opening helps reduce patient anxiety and claustrophobic feelings, making patient comfort top priority. St. Margaret's looks forward to utilizing this technology, permanently on-site, while providing more opportunities for their patients. This new equipment can also perform MRI of the breast, which was not a previously offered service.

An MRI can be an intimidating process for a patient who has never had one before or one who is waiting for a diagnosis and contemplating all of those "what ifs" that float around their head. The St. Margaret's MRI Suite hopes to allay some of those fears and apprehension that a patient may have.

"The beautiful, spiritual décor of the area has helped patients relax before and during their scans," says Karen Gress, VP Ancillary & Support Services. "From the peaceful oil paintings in the waiting area, to the spiritual wall hanging that greets you when you walk through the door, to the back-lit, faux 'sky light' over the machine, all these pieces aim to remind patients to be calm, relaxed, and that this process is not going to hurt them."

Just adjacent to the new MRI area, the Pharmacy department has taken residency, moving from their previous ground floor home. The renovation of this area provides Pharmacy with much needed additional space to improve their workflow and improve efficiency. A pneumatic tube system was installed to provide a better distribution plan for medications.

Terry Arkins, Manager of Pharmacy, stated, "We were certainly in need of more work space and look forward to having a better work flow, especially with the pneumatic tube system. This will allow us to deliver medications directly to patient care areas so that nursing staff do not have to leave their area to pick up medications for their patients."

The new design also provides for improved privacy for employees who are filling, picking up, or asking questions about their prescriptions. There is also a separate area to allow Nursing Supervisors access to fill commonly needed medications when Pharmacy is closed.

The blessing and open house held in March was well attended by physicians, staff, the Administrative Team, and



Tim Muntz, Sr. Suzanne, Sr. Rose Therese, Deacon John Murphy, Sr. Anne Germaine, Sr. Carol Jean Kuntz, and Karen Gress.



Below: Deacon John Murphy and Terry Arkins.



the SMP Provincial Team. After the blessing was performed, refreshments and tours were offered to all visitors.

"We appreciated the employee turnout for the blessing," Karen Gress replied. "As always, Deacon John Murphy did a wonderful job with his prayer and blessing ceremony. As a Catholic health care institution, we look forward to continuing to provide quality, compassionate health care services to all our patients."

## ***Ecumenical Support of Needy People of Cameroon, Africa***

Our support for the ministry of the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation in south east Cameroon, Africa continues. Children from two Congregational Churches in Minot and Granville, ND began collecting money for the children in need in Cameroon as soon as they heard about it.

Sister Anne Germaine Picard shared with her brother, Pastor Frank Picard about the needs of the people in these remote parts of Africa. He was moved by the Holy Spirit to invite the members of his congregations to assist these people. Within 7 months the children and the womens' guilds of these congregations were ready to give their gifts of money. Sister Suzanne who had been with Sister Anne Germaine in our Region of Cameroon for three months April-May-June, 2011 made the trip to meet the church members of northern North Dakota. Besides worshipping with them in their churches she gave the "sermon" for the services, sharing pictures and stories of the people of Cameroon and their needs. The children and women in turn presented \$2100.00. What a great outpouring of generosity! Sisters Suzanne and Anne Germaine continue to be available for presentations about Cameroon ministries.



**Above:** Sr. Suzanne, children of Granville church and Pastor Frank Picard.

**Below:** Children of Minot church, Pastor Frank Picard and Sr. Suzanne.



### ***Striving For Peace Does Not Mean Allowing Violence to Continue***

Father John Dear, Jesuit priest was a keynote speaker at the National Association of Catholic Chaplain's Conference May 18-May 22. Attending was certified chaplain, Sister Suzanne Stahl, SMP as well as about 400 other chaplains. Fr. Dear spoke with passion about Jesus' call to each of us to be peacemakers. Using scripture he pointed out that "just war" is not what the gospel commands us to do but rather to change "spears into plow shares."

Fr. Dear is an author/editor of 25 books, including his autobiography, A Persistent Peace and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Archbishop Desmond Tutu in 2008. He has been in prison 80 times for peaceful acts of civil disobedience working to end war. He was mentored by Jesuit Father Daniel Berrigan and his brother Philip Berrigan nationally known peace activists. His presentation was moving and Spirit filled urging attendees to stop all violence and to speak up and actively stand for peace personally, nationally and internationally. After this presentation Sister Suzanne said, "I realized that I have been allowing society's rumblings to end terror by using force to influence me. Fr. Dear called me back to my belief in active peacemaking rather than using violence to fight violence."

## Women's Retreat

Sherry R. Musgrave, SMP Associate

### "Come to the Water": Answers to Conflict in Our Life

March 16-18 2012

Presenters: Sr. Dorothy Bunce and Sr. Anne Germaine Picard

**Gifts from the Sea** by Anne Morrow Lindberg

As we entered the Convent we were greeted by scenes from the sea, lighthouse, seas shells, rocks, waves, and a beach to relax and enjoy it all. What an amazing background to embrace the ebb and flow of our lives.

The tide brings in such a variety of shells, each different, no two exactly alike. There were 46 women present at the retreat; each women different, no two exactly alike.

Each is specially created by the Creator as though it were the only shell in the world, intricate, fragile, and beautiful inside and out.

On Saturday evening we were treated to a slide show from the 3 months that Sr. Anne Germaine Picard and Sr. Suzanne Stahl spent in Cameroon.

This is a beginning—Am I willing to lose myself in God so as to find him in me and in others?

This Lent we were transported to another place and time and walked upon the beach, learning of the sea creatures, and the connectedness of life, the ebb and flow.

God had a special gift for each of us as we made the choice to come to the WATER.



The retreat used the backdrop of being alone, in solitude, at the beach so that one might reflect more deeply upon the important realities of life. Themes that were developed in conference sessions, prayer time and small group discussion included simplicity of life, relationship with God, self and others, and letting go of all that clutters one's life. Various seashells helped to further prayer and reflection.

## We Have Seen the Lord

By Sister Anne Germaine, SMP

This morning while at prayer on this Saturday of the octave of Easter, the image of our Sisters throughout the world, but mostly those in our Province are taking to heart Jesus' command, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." Today our Sisters are scattered throughout our province to proclaim, "We have sent the Lord!" Like the early disciples we proclaim by our lives a message of the early Church after the Resurrection. "it is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20) We have sisters kneeling in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at Maryvale, a Sister on team for SEARCH weekend at Maryvale, three of our Sisters attending and proclaiming the gift of Religious Life and our mission in Cameroon, Africa to youth as they attend the Fargo Diocese Youth Rally in Hankinson. We have Sisters attending a funeral for the sister of one of our Sisters and another going to another town to share with a Cursillo group about her experience in Cameroon, Africa announcing the good news of our Community serving the poor of Africa. Yes, we are scattered, but remain one body as Sisters of Mary of the Presentation in parishes, leadership positions, pastoral care, schools and doing home visits, each one is announcing by our Religious consecration that, "it is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard." We find this same zeal among our sponsored ministries with men and women carrying the torch of our charism to be the presence of Jesus in the world and to all who come to them for care.

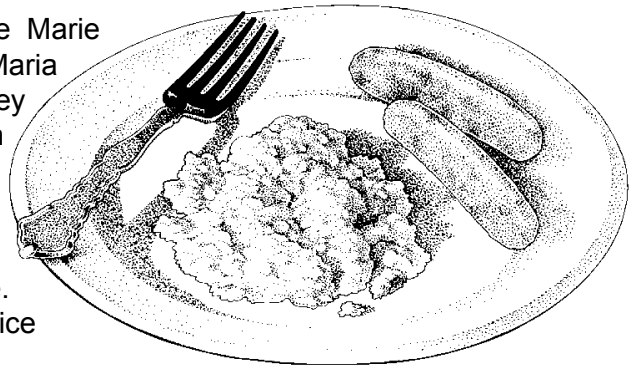
I close with a quote from St. Maria Skobtsova, "I am your message, Lord. Throw me like a brazing torch into the night, that all may see and understand what it means to be a disciple." The Lord is Risen! It is impossible for us to keep this quiet. We become His message; The Lord is in our midst.

## ***Ave Maria Village Breakfast***

By Sister Therese Celine

On March 29th Sr. Marlyss, Sr. Celine Marie, Sr. Eloise Marie and Sr. Therese Celine drove to Jamestown to attend Ave Maria Village's Nursing home Manager – Prepared breakfast. They were celebrating their 50 years of skilled care and the 10th anniversary as a part of our SMP Health System.

It was a delicious breakfast served by Deacon Tom Geffre and Tim Burchill, CEO. We had eggs cooked anyway we wanted them, sausages, pancakes, a dish of fruit and coffee. We also were served as much as we wanted. We also had a nice visit with Tim Burchill.



## ***Celebrate Consecrated Life***

By Sister Sharon Houle

Sisters from various congregations in the Fargo area met at Sacred Heart convent to observe and celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life, February 6th. Sister Margaret Rose and Sister Sharon attended the event. The day began with a celebration of the Eucharist, presided by Father Peter Hughes, CSSP. Following a wonderful brunch the group viewed a DVD of a presentation by Dominican Sister Barbara Reid from the National Religious Formation Conference. Her talk centered on "Gleanings of Hope from Biblical Women Prophets". Women Prophets in the Bible were women of vision, strength and determination. They were effective in proclaiming the word of God in speech and action. The presentation provided much food for thought, reflection and discussion. The day ended with a recitation of Holden Evening Prayer. It was a wonderful day, a great opportunity to celebrate religious life with other vowed religious.



## ***Concert by the Valley Troubadours at Maryvale***

by Sister Marlyss Dionne

We were delighted to have the Troubadours sing for us again this year at Maryvale! The Valley Troubadours, consisting of 21 men from the Valley City area, came to Maryvale on the evening of May 9 to share their annual Spring Concert with us. They had earlier performed at the Valley City Auditorium and Sheyenne Care Center. Cyndi Hill accompanied them on the piano. The Concert was given at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Maryvale. It was truly a beautiful evening enjoyed by all the Sisters and a number of guests. Twelve songs from a variety of composers took us into a musical land that made us smile, be inspired and even ready to dance! A number of religious songs included: "The Light of the World", "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place", "My Shepherd", "Shout for Joy" and "The Power of Your Love". Lively and humorous ones included: "Don't Fence Me In", "This Little Light of Mine" and "Georgia on My Mind". We were almost tempted to get out and dance when they sang - "Waltzing Matilda"! This delightful evening closed with refreshments and a variety of cookies, baked in the Maryvale kitchen. It was interesting visiting with them during refreshment time. This was the third year the Troubadours came to perform at Maryvale and we hope it is becoming an annual event! Special thanks goes to Kevin Langer, a member of the group and also a parishioner of St. Catherine's, who called and asked if we would want them to bring their concert to Maryvale. "Thank You" from all of us!



## A Call to Defend Life

In these days of war and strife,  
Few appreciate the value of life.  
Life is no longer viewed as a gift.  
In this it's is clear, Satan has driven his rift.

A mother-to-be is filled with dread  
And nothing can melt her heart of lead.  
No, she murders her innocent kin  
Rather than give up her own life of sin.

For the elderly there is no more respect.  
The disabled are seen as hopelessly wrecked.  
Their lives considered useless, they're misunderstood;  
Too few can see how they bring about good.

While lives are taken because of "mercy killing,"  
We should protect all life, though leaders are unwilling.  
And while humanity lies in distress,  
Brutal fiends slaying in the name of progress.

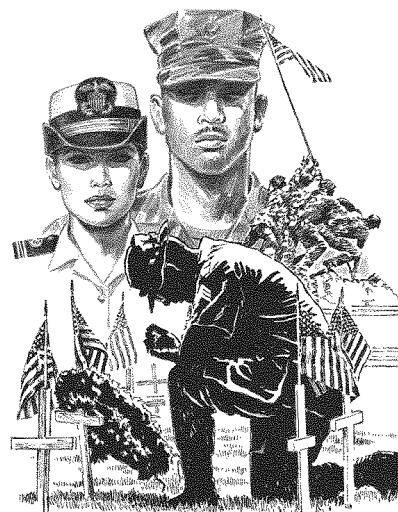
From where do these atrocities come?  
How has the world become so numb?  
While indifference and death spread like a cancer,  
These questions you yourself must answer.

So let us pray with fervent heart  
And in every way, do our part  
To teach all the world through word and deed,  
To love and protect those most in need.

Written by Colleen Finley  
Submitted by Sister Suzanne Stahl, SMP

As the Catholic Church and others of good will strive to protect life and work for Religious Freedom, the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation (SMP) have been doing the same. One source of inspiration has been this poem written by then 15 year old Colleen Finley, niece of Sister Suzanne Stahl, SMP. Colleen is now a freshman at University of Mary, Bismarck, ND.

**Below:** Sr. Suzanne spends time with her niece, Colleen Finley.



## Freedom's Price

Today we celebrate freedom  
thanks to those who came before.  
Those brave men who fought and died  
in each and every war.  
Freedom always comes at a price,  
And while we celebrate  
We should tip our hats to the heroes  
who made our country great.

~ Sharon Hendricks ~

# Prayer Ministry

By Sister Anne Germaine



“Community is the privileged environment where the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation experience communion and build together that unit of evangelical life destined to serve the Church.” C.30

Each year at our Assembly of Chapter days we close with a Missioning prayer service in which each Sister is sent out on mission. Our retired Sisters are also missioned as Prayer companions to the active members and to each of our sponsored ministries. This environment of communion strengthens us to go forth to be the presence of Jesus as Sisters of Mary of the Presentation.

I count on my Sisters' Prayer support; I send them my needs when I will be giving retreats, vocation presentations, prayer services or when I know of someone most in need of prayer. They are the wind beneath my wings as the song goes...and when I am at Maryvale attending Mass or Community Prayer I am deeply touched as these Sisters express their intercession for their assigned ministries. The entire body of Sisters daily join in the prayer as these Sisters who faithfully pray aloud for their ministry making their mission the community's mission. I have three Sister Prayer companions, one for my ministry with our Associates, one for Vocation ministry and one for Spirituality. These Sisters empower me...I never go out alone but I go companioned with one of my sisters supporting me in prayer before the Lord. I frequently send my Prayer companion requests for prayer for various ministries I am about to do, so for these specific intentions I need their faith filled prayers. They tell me how meaningful this is for them as they pray for me and my ministry. It builds our relationship as one body. “Conscious of their membership in the same body, the Sisters are personally concerned with those events which make up the life of the local community, the province and the congregation.” C.32

When I go to St. Louis Catholic School or to St. Margaret's Health, I see the picture and name of the Sister who is their prayer companion on the wall. Each morning at St. Louis Catholic School as one of the children leads the morning prayer over the loud speaker. Sister Eloise Marie, who is their prayer companion for this year is also remembered in prayer. This brings her as a daily presence to the staff, teachers and families. Last year when I was in Africa a prayer intention was also said for me ministering in Cameroon.

I look forward to the annual missioning prayer service because it is in obedience to the will of God that I embrace my apostolic ministry given me by the community and wait to hear who my prayer companion will be for the coming year. “Forming one heart and one soul, they seek to create an atmosphere of freedom, of benevolent concern, and of joy which fosters” union and harmony” and sustains them as they journey in the Lord. C.31.

Our Prayer ministry of our retired members of the Province is vitally important to the apostolic endeavors of the entire Province, Church and the most vulnerable. “We strive to manifest to the people of God the mystery of Christ who came into the world not to be served, but to serve...” C.2

## Junior High Youth Rally– Diocese of Fargo

by Sister Marlyss Dionne, SMP

Sister Dorothy Bunce, Sister Suzanne and Sister Marlyss journeyed to Hankinson, ND on April 14, 2012 for the annual Junior High Youth Rally. The official opening of the event took place in the Youth Center at the Franciscan Convent in Hankinson at 10:00 a.m. with a time of prayer. The theme of the day was “Saint in the Making”. Michael James Mette was the guest speaker of the day.

Later in the morning the Sacrament of Penance was available to all the young people. A number of priests from the surrounding area were there to hear confessions. Noon lunch was served in the church hall.

Ten workshops, given in two rounds in the afternoon, were presented for the approximately 300 youth in attendance. Sister Suzanne gave her presentation on our mission in the Camerons. Sister Dorothy and Sister Marlyss set up our vocation booth and were available for questions and sharing throughout the day.

Mette and his band gave a concert during the afternoon. At 4:45 p.m. all those present participated in a Eucharistic procession from the convent to the parish church, where they attended Mass at 5:15 p.m. After the Mass, the group gathered in the hall of the church for an evening meal. The youth participated in a dance at the gym from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The youth seemed pleased with the day. We three Sisters left for Maryvale after the evening meal. May God bless all of our youth with a deeper love and understanding of our Catholic faith.



## **St. Therese Discernment Retreat**

by Sister Anne Germaine

It was a joint effort of 4 different Religious Communities of Women who organized and hosted a 24 hour discernment retreat experience at the Nazareth House Retreat Center in Henry, IL on May 18 and 19. The Sisters were: The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, the Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception, The Sisters of the Third order of St. Francis and ourselves, The Sisters of Mary of the Presentation. Six women came for the retreat experience.

The 24 hour retreat centered upon various talks as: What is Discernment and how to discern one's call to holiness rooted in our baptism, the dignity of Women as created by God in contrast to the world's view which distorts that dignity, and the final talk was on the meaning of Religious Life. We each shared our Community story and personal vocation story. Each community also had a display of their congregation and material for the taking. In the midst of these presentations there were times for adoration, liturgy of the hours, Eucharist and the opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation. Friday evening was a beautiful evening which led us out to build a campfire and enjoy the campfire treats of marshmallows and continued story telling. St. Therese of the Child Jesus is the patron saint for vocations, which is why we have chosen her as the patron for the retreat weekend.

We concluded the weekend with a question and answer session which was a perfect opportunity to target the Sisters present with yet unanswered questions.

## **How to Build a Global Community**

- While respecting our own faith and traditions:
- Think of no one as "them"
- Don't confuse your comfort with your safety
- Talk to strangers
- Imagine other cultures through their poetry and novels
- Listen to music you don't understand\*Dance to it
- Act Locally
- Notice the workings of power & privilege in your culture
- Question consumption
- Know how your lettuce and coffee are grown: wake up and smell the exploitation
- Look for fair trade labels
- Help build economies from the bottom up
- Acquire few needs
- Learn a second(or third) language
- Visit people, places, and cultures – not tourist attractions
- Learn people's history; Re-define progress
- Know physical and political geography
- Play games from other cultures; Watch films with subtitles
- Know your heritage
- Honor everyone's holidays
- Look at the moon and imagine someone else, somewhere else, looking at it too
- Read the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Understand the global economy in terms of people, land, and water
- Know where your bank banks
- Never believe you have the right to anyone else's resources
- Don't confuse money with wealth, or time with money
- Have a pen/email pal; honor indigenous cultures
- Judge governance by how well it meets all people's needs
- Be skeptical about what you read
- Eat adventurously: enjoy vegetables, beans and grains in your diet
- Choose curiosity over certainty
- Know where your water comes from and where your wastes go
- Pledge allegiance to the earth; think South, Central, and North; there are many Americans
- Assume that many others share your dreams
- Know that no one is silent though many are not heard
- Work to change this

– Anonymous

## **Maryhill's Open House**

A wonderful turnout of approximately 200 people came to Maryhill's "first look" open house Tuesday, May 1st to see the new additions. Many positive comments were heard as people toured through the additions: "The new rooms are so big," "the chapel is beautiful," "the therapy room is in such a convenient location." Gladys Dagman Howe was honored at the open house and reminisced about her workdays at Maryhill (then "Hillcrest Manor"). Gladys said, "I received a call at 8:00 in the morning on May 1st 1964 and was asked to start work at 2:00 that day! Our first resident came in that afternoon. She was the only one we had for awhile, so I spent a lot of time washing windows and whatever else was needed." Gladys worked as a nurses' aide for the first two years of her employment at Maryhill and became the administrator in 1966, serving in this role until 1982. In her gracious style, Gladys thanked everyone for being honored in this way, but stated that she never could have done it alone and that she worked with a great group of people. Gladys is now a resident at Maryhill Manor. In response to Gladys' comments, Nancy Farnham, current Administrator, stated, "I hope that people will talk about me some day like they talk about you, Gladys." Nancy also thanked the staff members for all their help with the project, all the donors who have generously contributed their support, Maryhill's neighbors for putting up with the trucks

and increased traffic, and, most of all, the Maryhill residents for handling the inconveniences of construction in their home with such good humor and patience. Comments were also made by Sister Carol Jean Kuntz, the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation provincial leader and Aaron Alton, SMP Health System President who expressed appreciation to the community for their support and their joy in being able to enhance the services for the area with this project. A beautiful blessing service followed for the new chapel and additions. The service was led by the Reverend Monsignor Joseph Goering, Vicar General from the Fargo Diocesan Office, and assisted by Pastor Terry Monson from the Trinity Lutheran Church in Enderlin. Highlights of the building project include:

- A chapel was added to provide a meaningful place for worship. The altar from Fillmore Lutheran Church graces the chapel. Collin Trangsrud, with assistance from Pastor Frank Dobos and Lila Trangsrud, completed the work on the altar to prepare it for its new home.
- A larger therapy room was added to the front of the building to enhance services and provide easy access for outpatients.
- Five larger double rooms were added with a layout that is designed to give more privacy to each resident.

- The number of private rooms will increase from 10 to 20.
- A sprinkler system was installed throughout the entire building for added safety.
- New windows were installed in the north and south hallways.
- A radiant heat system was installed in the south hallway.
- Two patios were added to the front of the building and a sunroom was added on the east side so all can enjoy the outdoors.
- The building was re-shingled.
- New carpeting was installed in the living room, dining room, and central hallway.
- The office area was remodeled to bring more offices together in a convenient location for residents and families and to include a small conference room.

There are finishing touches left to complete the project, including repaving of the front parking lot and signage. The entire project will be completed by the end of June. The capital campaign will also continue until the end of June, with any donations of \$1,000 or more to be commemorated on a display plaque. Maryhill Manor will host an open house in December as part of the CLIO Tour of Homes to give the community an opportunity to see the project again after everything is complete.



## Maryhill Open House Photos

**Above left:** Jack Kennelly (in background), Msgr. Joseph Goering, and Sr. Carol Jean Kuntz.

**Above right:** Aaron Alton, SMP Health System President and Nancy Farnham, Maryhill's current administrator.

**Left:** Sr. Carol Jean Kuntz addresses those in attendance.



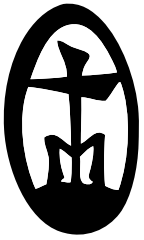
*Thank You!*

to all who attended the open house.



*"The serene philosophy of the pink rose is steady. Its fragrant, delicate petals open fully and are ready to fall, without regret or disillusion, after only a day in the sun. It is so every summer. One can almost hear their pink, fragrant murmur as they settle down upon the grass: 'Summer, summer, it will always be summer.'"*

~ Rachel Peden ~



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