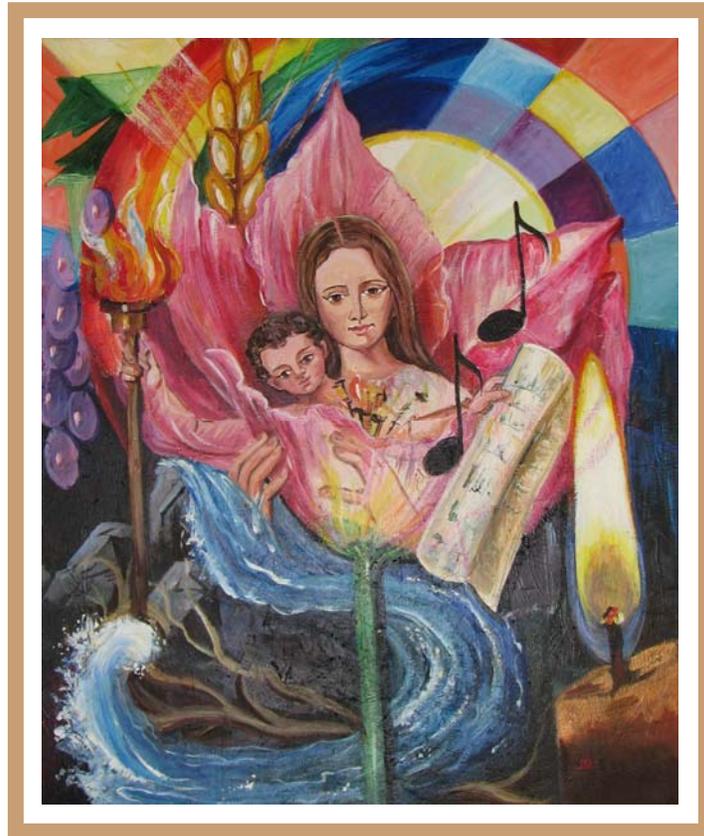




# Sharings

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Sr. Joel, fmm

To pray to Mary for us, is to ask her to be our spokesperson  
with the Father, her Source, to speak to Him of our world  
which is swinging over into horror and violence.

In accompanying the experience of the Incarnate Word,  
she found the reality of our world of today:  
no one wishes to receive them, there was no place for them,  
and they had to go into exile  
because from the time of his birth, her Son was excluded.

Christiane Mégarbané, fmm,  
January 6, 2002

EDITORS' NOTES

Our present times for communications involves means other than the written word: Facebook, Link In, smart phones, text messaging using abbreviated words, SKYPE - to name a few means. Then, there are still those of us who prefer to read a book, the newspaper, magazines etc. Some us even prefer to write and mail messages and other documents!

It has become essential that some of us be knowledgeable in the use of computers in our ministries. But there are some Sisters in our communities that do not have access to or knowledge of computers. So, it is necessary to print out and share news and other items of interest for those Sisters.

Pope Francis is an amazing communicator. The whole world is paying attention to whatever he writes and speaks using modern means.

In his exhortation on the family, "Amoris Laetitia," Pope Francis opens doors for those Catholics who participate in an "incomplete way" because of their marriage status as divorced and remarried. Throughout this document, Pope Francis emphasizes "reaching out to everyone." Certainly, Pope Francis reaches out to everyone.

Dear Pope Francis, his book in which he answers letters from children around the world, is delightful and relevant not only to children but for all age groups. Pope Francis has a gift for using the right words for every situation.

We pray for safety and good health for Pope Francis.

*Rosemarie Higgins, fmm, Maryann Alukonis, fmm & Anne Turbiní, fmm*

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## Our Deceased Sister

Sr. Joel, fmm  
Irinie Zarotiadou



Entered into the fullness of life:  
February 4, 2016

### EULOGY

Each day is a gift...each day is full of wonder, surprises and joy beyond all telling. For all of us present here we know that Sr. Joel was an amazing woman. We could even say she was "original" and truly we thank God for who she was. Joel opened her life and shared her stories and brought each of us to places we had never thought or imagined. Our foundress Blessed Mary of the Passion writes **"Every Franciscan Missionary of Mary belongs to all and should be at home in every place"** (CT/1. 100) We are grateful, Joel, that you took us along on "your adventures in life." Thank you.

With her passport in hand, Joel passed through many countries and also spoke many languages. Sometimes she was even able to speak more than one language at a time, with a smile on her face. It is so true, what you say with the heart is understood because what she said was filled with love. Throughout her whole life, wherever she may have been, Joel tried to put into practice the words of Blessed Mary of the Passion who wrote: **"The spirit of our missionary vocation is to bring the whole world to Jesus Christ."** (MD 800) Joel loved Jesus and loved life. She was very expressive to let him be known, be it through her art or the shows that she would prepare for her students, sisters and friends.

For a moment picture her with a blank canvas and little by little as her story unravels we have before our eyes a picture filled with color, passion and life. Don't worry if you think she may have spilled some paint on the floor or even a spot here or there on her clothes. With Joel, it seems creativity was always in process and at times we have to realize things may get messy but in the end a work of art is produced, be it a picture, a meal for the sisters and so much more. It may be messy for a while but the end product is worth the wait. Creativity was a gift that filled her with joy and we could hardly believe at times she had so many stories to tell.

Sr. Joel's persistent and determined ways were able to not only open doors for her, but allowed her to pass through life, "as free as a bird, not caged in." Possibilities were boundless for her and once she set her mind on something, she more than likely got what she wanted. I am sure many of us have heard one time or another about her of how she wanted to join the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary and due to the political climate at that time in China, she sought permission from the local authorities. She was granted permission in the end because she would not give up on something she so deeply believed in. She was a determined woman who had her eyes focused on a goal and did everything to achieve it. We are all better people because she followed her dream.

The longest journey is the journey within and certainly the years in which Joel and our other FMM sisters were in China was a true sharing in the suffering of Christ. Sisters from various countries living in an international community was a sign of unity even in the midst of suffering. **"The more we understand the difficulties of a missionary Institute, the more we understand its strength lies in unity."** CR/1, 36 In some ways being limited as to where she could go or to whom she could speak, Joel would somehow find a way to express herself. Even in the midst of challenges and obstacle, she was heard, for the Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Her missionary journey brought her to France and then Viet Nam where she worked with young women and also helped American soldiers translating from Vietnamese. Their stories of life in the United States intrigued her and it has been said that Joel wrote to our Superior General and said Joel and Jesus want to come to the United States and her petition was answered. And many of you can fill in the story from here.... for she passed through various communities and ministries here in our province. Thank you Joel for having journeyed with us as our sister, our friend.

Sr. Joel was a true daughter of St. Francis who lived in the joy and simplicity of being a Franciscan Missionary of Mary. For many years, in many communities Sr. Joel enthusiastically put her whole being into preparing the Christmas Crib, to welcome the Infant Jesus. This preparation was an act of love, an artistic creation that helped us to know that Sr. Joel like St. Francis understood the humility of the Incarnation. Thank you Joel for making this time sacred.

Over the past few years, although Sr. Joel's health was declining she was determined to continue doing

all that she had done in the past. This was a challenge not only for Joel, who had so much she wanted to still do in life but also for others who wanted to make sure she was ok.

So Joel in a way we have come full circle and we pause and remember your painting which seems to capture the wonder of your life. **The ballerina who is dancing on the finger of God.** Joel, thank you for living your life with us, for helping each of us to stand in awe and wonder at the marvels God has done through you.

*Noreen Murray, fmm*



### Our Deceased Relatives & Friends

Minh (Bernard) Nguyen, uncle of Yen Nguyen, fmm

Margaret (Peggy) Freda, sister of Sr. Rosemary Freda died suddenly. Her Wake and Funeral were celebrated in Holy Family Chapel, Fruit Hill.

We remember in gratitude Jean Plante who volunteered both in the Fruit Hill Day Program and in the FMM Assisted Living at Fruit Hill.

Joseph Costagliola, brother of Beatrice Costaglio, fmm



### Our Sick Friends

### Sisters &

Margaret Gargan, fmm

Helen Klumpp, fmm

Margaret Jacob, fmm

Alma Dufault, fmm

Jeanette, sister of Marie-Paule Gobeil, fmm

Helen Melchione, former FMM is in Rehab following a fall.

Pamela Best, former FMM, requests our prayers as she is on Chemo and radiation.

97th Street, New York



For years 97<sup>th</sup> St., NYC, has been a house of welcome/hospitality extended to sisters from all over the world, who do an internship at the U.N., for a month or longer. They return to their country and mission well-armed and prepared, grateful to us for making this possible for them.

With us now is SHANTI, a Presentation sister and graduate of Stella Maris College, a 37 year old social worker from INDIA. She stands a little over 4 feet and weighs 87 pounds. For a half-pint, she's dynamite.

SHANTI works with the Untouchables. Not every applicant to the U.N. gets to tell their success story, but within a few weeks, Shanti was a U.N. Presenter. After reading her presentation, I asked her - WHO started this great work? And I was in awe and wonder to learn it was she. Never underestimate the Power of One.

The works, in part, include enhancing economic opportunities, empowering women with leadership skills, educating for gender justice, youth and children. Shanti and her help motivate and facilitate collective action, team spirit and self-confidence. The people without land, work, income, education are organized into neighborhood based Self-Help-Support-Groups, working together to prevent the girls becoming school dropouts and child labor.

Interventions are based on the belief in Collective Power of People. It has produced a ripple effect, at the individual and community level, to restore human dignity, social justice and economic empowerment.

With MUCH left unsaid, I am happy to share this 'bird-eye-view.' No doubt Mother Lilian is smiling down at this little woman who is doing so much good for the poorest of the poor.

*Maureen Conway, fmm*



Ethiopia

Our FMM community here in Bushulo is under the patronage of Blessed Mother by the name of Kidane Mehret (ኪዳነ ምክረት) and yesterday we celebrated the Feast of Kidane Mehret at the Cathedral of Hawassa. This is also the national feast of the the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church.



The Mass was celebrated in both Amharic and also in Sidama which is the local language and with choirs singing

in both languages. The Offertory procession included Mary's bread to be blessed and shared ...

Here is a short explanation of Kidane Mehret:

"The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church commemorates the covenant of St. Mary by the name Kidane Mehret (ኪዳነ ምክረት) which is a Ge'ez phrase which literally means 'covenant of mercy.' The phrase is used to refer to God's promise to St. Mary that he would forgive the sins of those who seek her intercession – a fact that underscores the enormous grace of Our Lady before the Almighty. Kidane Mihret also refers to Yekatit 16 (February 23), the day on which St. Mary received the promise..



According to the Ethiopic Synaxarium (pp.365), God has promised St. Mary that he will bless those who celebrate her commemoration, call upon her name, or give alms to the poor even if it were only a cup of cold water. He also promised to bless those who build churches in her name, give cloth to the poor; those who visit the sick, feed the hungry, comfort the grieving, or write the history of her strife.

Kyong-Ha Yim, fmm

North Prov- idence, RI  
FMM As- sisted Living

Sisters who are in the Assisted Living Program and in other communities have been active in and enjoyed the many activities offered.

Each week there is Tai Chi class and chair Yoga, which keeps Sisters active and with improved balance.

Mind fit presentations provides activities that improve mental alertness.

Wellness presentations given by Maureen Flanagan, RN , addresses overall good health and provides an opportunity for Sisters to ask questions of concern.

Computer classes provided by students provide one on one computer instructions. The interaction between students and Sisters is mutually enriching.

Then there are various outings that are both educational and enjoyable.

This spring despite unexpected snow, Earth Day was observed, by planting seeds on specific locations on the grounds of "Fruit Hill."

Earth Day is an annual event created to celebrate the planet's environment and raise public awareness about pollution. The day, marked on April 22, is observed worldwide with rallies, conferences, outdoor activities and service projects.

All of these activities are only some of what happens in both our Assisted Living Residence and other communities living at 399 Fruit Hill Ave.

Animal "visitations" are especially enjoyable. Sr. Ellen Gibbons, fmm "communicating" with a large, gentle dog.



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El Paso, TX



When I first came to El Paso in 2006, there was so much violence in Juarez due mostly to the drug cartel. They say that more than 10,000 people were killed between 2008 and 2012. I attended funerals of family members of parishioners, one a 15 year old girl who was attending a birthday party at Juarez who was killed. One victim who was stabbed came to our hospital for treatment. My heart went out to the people of Juarez who were suffering so much. Now on February 17, here comes a Ray of Hope for the people...in the person of Pope Francis. There were



over 230,000 people where we were for the Mass. Everyone was so united. When Pope Francis finally arrived on his pope mobile to the loving cries and loud cheers of all the people, there was not a dry eye in the whole place. What a blessing it was for me to be there in the crowd with the people who have suffered so much and now to see them receive such a consolation! Pope Francis' presence filled the area with so much Peace and Love and most of all HOPE. It was truly electrifying and radiated throughout the whole field where we were.

Before the Mass began Pope Francis went nearby to the border of Mexico and the United States. Here were what they called the Pope's VIP's. They consisted of our immigrants, young people that have crossed over undocumented and now reside in 3 shelters in El Paso, and migrant workers. There is a large Cross here in memory of all the immigrants, especially those who have died on the way. According to statistics, 4,353 people have died trying to cross the border from 2005 to 2015. Pope Francis blessed the Cross, said a silent prayer, and left a bouquet of flowers there.

At every place he went in Mexico, he pleaded for the immigrants, the poor, the little ones. Here Juarez

he said, "No more death, no more exploitation," to the cheers of all. He also said: "We cannot deny the humanitarian crises which in recent years has meant the migration of thousands of people, whether by train or highway or on foot, crossing hundreds of kilometers through mountains, deserts and inhospitable areas." His words were so healing and encouraging.

I left Juarez and this unforgettable experience with my heart full of hope and deep gratitude to the Lord for showing us His Mercy and Love, especially for the poor and forgotten ones, through Pope Francis.

His visit left a lasting impression on everyone. One of the doctors at the hospital said to me, "Sister, the Pope said we should pray, so let's pray together." He took my hand and joined hands with the two nurses who were near us and we recited the Our Father together. On another occasion a staff member said, "The Pope told us what we must do, now it's our turn to put it into practice." His message did not stop on February 17th but its power continues to this day. Viva El Papa!

*Marie Cinotti, fmm*

Pope Francis is coming to the Border!

What joy flooded out hearts! And, finally, just a few days before the Pope's arrival, we received our tickets in hand for the Papal Mass in Juarez. There's so much to share but will just say a couple of highlights. "God knows what God is doing." As we arrived by 4:15 AM, we were near the entrance. The gate did not open until 6:30 AM where they put bracelets on our wrists indicating the quadrant in which we would be standing. We noticed that the bracelet and our ticket numbers did not match. They apologized but could not change them. Later on, we realized that we had the better quadrant as we had a gigantic TV screen and our assigned quadrant did not have one. Thank you, God!



While walking along a path we heard prayers and observed a tabernacle being carried toward us. What joy filled my heart! The Eucharist! And, we had the privilege of having Adoration right there on the grounds where the Pope would be celebrating the Mass!

Another highlight was to observe how organized everything was. And, everyone was so peaceful and kind and patient in the midst of a crowd of 230,000. To witness those physically challenged to navigate the hot dusty fairgrounds with walkers or canes was an inspiration to me.

This was an “once-in-a-lifetime experience” for which I am deeply grateful.

*Betty Keegan, fmm*



“CALLED TO WRITERS OF POPE SUNDAY



BECOME LIVING THE GOSPEL” FRANCIS, HOMILY MER-

Two important affirmations of Vatican II help us to understand 1) we are the Church which is a community, and 2) the Church is the whole People of God – all the baptized. *Lumen Gentium*, one of the early and most important documents of the Council, declared *charisms, or gifts of the Holy Spirit, are available to all the faithful, of every rank" n. 12.* Fruit Hill Day Services for Elderly (FHDSE) continually affirms this understanding of the Second Vatican Council.

The Diocese of Providence has announced that one of the two recipients of the proceeds from its annual Lumen Gentium Award Dinner this year will be Fruit Hill Day Services for Elderly. The other will be St. Martin de Porres Center. And to our great joy, one of the Lumen Gentium Awards will be given to the President of the Board of Directors of FHDSE, David Amaral. We witness the *gifts of the Holy Spirit* dynamically present in the participants of FHDSE and in David Amaral who has given humble Gospel service for many years. Through their daily lives and

encounters, both breathe the dignity with which God gifts them, both are *living writers of the Gospel*.

David has been walking in solidarity with FHDSE for nearly thirty years, living that dignity to which the Gospel calls our attention. Pope Francis reminds us that “the Gospel of mercy remains an open book, in which the signs of Christ’s disciples, which are concrete acts of love and the best witness to mercy, continue to be written...We are all called to become living writers of the Gospel.” David in his encounters and solidarity with FHDSE – Administration, Staff and Participants, shows us how this happens through the vibrant expression of relationships in spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These are the hallmarks of the Christian life ... By means of these simple yet powerful gestures, even when unseen, we can accompany the needy, bringing God’s tenderness and consolation.” Cf. Pope Francis, Homily for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016.



DAVID AMARAL

Another confirmation of Vatican II’s visioning that gifts of the Holy Spirit become *available to all the faithful*, energizing each person’s dignity, can be read in the lives of the Participants in FHDSE. Each one, both women and men, are living an encounter with aging difficult to embrace. The paths of relationship with themselves, with one another, with their family, with Staff at FHDSE open ways for each to realize their deepest dignity and worth as a Child of God...whatever their particular religious understanding may be. Michael, a participant, who recently died, took great pleasure in his daily attendance at Mass and getting himself to the Chapel on his own. Many of the others gather together before 9 am, and travel by elevator to the second floor. Their presence in the Chapel speaks of attentiveness, of prayer, of God’s love for us and for each other. The mystery becomes alive as we witness their presence to this tremendous action of God’s saving and unending love for us. Volunteers – women and men, work together with the Staff to offer companionship and assistance as needed. They accompany the Participants for Daily Mass aware they tread in contemplative space where walking or sitting beside Another becomes an action delivering the Presence of the Holy.

Volunteers frequently are met on the lovely grounds walking a Participant. Recently one of the Sisters tripped and fell on her back. Roberto and Gil were out for a walk and came upon her just as she fell.

Immediately Roberto knelt behind her and helped her sit up. Gil, a Korean war veteran, immediately went into action, leaning over and encouraging Sister with the gentle reassurance that he would help her to stand.



ROBERTO AND GIL

Although unhurt, she thought it best to sit on the ground and wait for a Nurse. Then he noticed a Sister coming out, trying to keep the door opened. He went over and helped her, placing something under the door to hold it in place.

Sometimes for Gil the ravages of war return in his memory

and becoming restless, he struggles to resolve issues of death and torture. But no remnant of these horrors can take away his dignity as a Child of God, and that flashes forth in the most unexpected moment. We are all called to become living writers of the Gospel.

*Aline Giroux & Dopi fmm*



*Barbara erala,*



Thanks!

Pakistan

The terrorists threatened Christians. It is very sad that on Easter Sunday evening in a park (with many swings and train and games for children) that is not too far from where we live ( 30 minutes by car) there was a suicide bomber who carried about 10 kg explosive and killed more than 70 people ( including many children and women)and injured 340 others ... One woman was crying after the bomb blast as her two children died and the third one got lost!... On Television we could see another child ( about 2 years old ) stood at the gate of this park looking here and there and cried as he could not find where was his mama or papa in the crowd of people running here and there, or from and to ambulances...It touched my heart!

violence...Still on the sand there was the blood stain!...

Yes, "at times of darkness we also get exposed to lightness..." One of our Sisters, Sr. Shakila, ( the FMM Novice Directress for Pakistan and my coordinator) returned from the hospital where she went to visit the victims of bomb blast, and shared with me that she met a group of young men who came to the hospital just to offer their blood for the victims of bomb blast!... I also heard that many people came out to help carry the wounded to hospital by their own vehicles ( motorcycles, rickshaws...) as there were not enough ambulances to rush the injured victims of bomb blast to the hospital that time.

I do believe in the goodness of God and of people that are always greater than the evil! With this true compassion and loving care for each other in the difficult time, together we can overcome the evil in our troubled world.

*Mary Rose Nguyen, fmm*

Thank you so much, my dear Sisters, for all your prayers for me over the past few months. I really believe your prayers work miracles! I had a series of radiation treatments in the fall for some cancer of the eyelid. After a few months, the eye is much better. At the end of February I had a total knee replacement of my left knee and I am coming along well with just a few weeks more of physical therapy. Your prayer made all the difference!

Many thanks for all the cards and notes you sent, I am really grateful!

God bless you and know my prayer and love for each one of you, my SISTERS!

*Carol Anne Kane, fmm*



## Double Celebration

On Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, the Second Sunday of Easter, San José Mission of Las Cruces Diocese had a dual celebration. Since St. Joseph's actual feast occurred mid-Lent, this community postponed festivities until after Easter for 1) its patronal feast of San José, and 2) Sr. Marie-Paule Willem's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary (Diamond Jubilee) as a Franciscan Missionary of Mary.



San José is a mission outpost of San Albino Basilica, Mesilla, and it has been some years since it has had a resident priest. Sr. Marie-Paule has been its Administrator for several years, enhancing and building up the faith community, religious education program, group activities, retreats, and youth ministry, not counting the time-consuming tasks of building maintenance and landscaping. Under her auspices, the community has come alive, and a shady gazebo, prayer-walk, and garden have been built and embellished. Marie-Paule has also ensured that almost every Saturday evening and Sunday morning a priest (indeed, often our bishop or bishop emeritus!) arrives to celebrate Mass, or else a deacon conducts a communion service.

This festive Sunday Marie-Paule left early to help parishioners set up events. Nancy and I followed, heading west from Las Cruces across the Rio Grande, past blossoming apple orchards, and through small Old Picacho Village until we encountered a beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart and the buzzing compound of San José Mission! Parishioners were busy dusting off chairs to set up outside, blocking off parking spaces to allow for dancing, and preparing food for the banquet to follow Mass. We parked and went through the small garden of bright orange California poppies that were a feast for the eyes in front of the rectory. Later we took our reserved seat in the first pew of the Church and waited for Srs. Marie Cinotti and Betty Keegan to arrive from El Paso.

At around 9:30 a.m. Bishop Emeritus Ricardo Ramirez, Msgr. Robert Getz, a deacon, all five FMM's, the musicians, and choir entered. After a warm greeting to all the people, the bishop led the

way out of church for a procession led by four colorful Matachina dancers in full costume! The dancers marked backward in front, facing the people, and the entire group sang and marched around part of the village before returning to the church, where Mass began. The guitar player and music were excellent!

During his homily, Bishop Emeritus Ramirez informed the people that, although Sr. Marie-Paule spent a lot of time there at San José, she also volunteered one morning a week at the Doña Ana Detention Center, ministering to the women inmates and bringing them Christ's peace and love. He himself often helped out there for Mass on big feast days.

Four FMM's brought up the offertory gifts - Marie and Betty from El Paso, Nancy and I from Las Cruces. For the renewal of vows, we joined Marie-Paule in the sanctuary as she read out the words slowly and clearly. Hearing this restatement of our charism was a dynamic vocation witness to the people, as well as early photos of Marie-Paule as a young religious and missionary in South America that she had posted at the front of the church.

After the beautiful and moving Mass, the bishop led the group to the lovely garden in back of the house, where he blessed the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe and other saints' statues recently acquired by Marie-Paule in Mexico, where she travelled with some San José parishioners to find them. Included, of course, was that of San Isidro, patron of farmers!

A delicious meal followed, and all the FMM Sisters sat at the same table as Bishop Emeritus Ramirez and Msgr. Getz. Bishop Ramirez expressed his wish to see our house in El Paso, so someday soon we will pick him up and drive him to dinner at our FMM site there. He has even chosen a menu already, at Marie's request!

We and the El Paso FMM's had to leave after the meal because of ministry commitments, but festivities continued for the rest of the afternoon and everyone agreed this was a memorable day for both the mission and Sr. Marie-Paule!

*Sheila  
fmm*

*Patenaude,*



GEORGIA  
Dedication Pastoral Center



January 31, 2016 was a glorious sunny day in Georgia! Christ the King parishioners along with Rt. Rev. Gregory Hartmayer OFM Conv., bishop of Savannah diocese and Father Ronnie Madden, pastor, joined in a joyous celebration of Mass in their beautiful church followed by a jubilant bagpipe-led procession to a newly completed pastoral center for its dedication.

Over the years the FMM's have seen this parish grow from a very small closely knit mission faith community to a congregation of over 200 families, still very close and caring of one another. The construction in 2007 of a parish church was a giant step forward in their journey. They have struggled to continue developing their faith community through faith formation groups (youth and adult), to reach out to the needy people in the community and to carry out necessary administrative details – all in the very cramped quarters of a nearby leased house. General social activities for the parishioners had to be held outside on the grounds under tents.

The newly completed elegant one story building is the fulfillment of a dream! It consists of 25,000 square feet with parish offices (We were told one is "Sister Millie's office"), a large hall, a kitchen, classrooms, a library, and an outreach center to serve the needy. The hall seats 400 at tables or 700 in an auditorium setting.

Worthy of mention is the welcoming entrance consisting of a fireplace and appropriate furniture. This prompted Millie to remark to Father Madden, "If I were a parishioner, you would find me reading a book in front of this fireplace!"

The education wing and outreach center are

named for Sister Philomena Fogarty, FMM who spent 16 years at Christ the King as pastoral minister and educator. She taught in St. Anne School in Columbus, Georgia and continued the ecumenical outreach begun by Sister Rosemary Sullivan FMM.



Sr. Philomena was well known throughout Harris County for her charitable work



as well as her collaboration with all Christians until her untimely death in 2003. Of special note is an 18-foot quilt consisting of 400 hand-embroidered squares with the names of many of our good friends. Dead center are four

squares with the names of all the FMM's who served in Christ the King though the years. This initially was a fund-raising project but now is a loving memorial!

Srs. Pauline Gilmore, Millie Morrissey, and Anne Kelly were delighted to be able to represent the FMM's at this dedication. They were able to meet many good friends and witnessed not only the completion of a magnificent physical space, but how the pastoral ministry has continued to evolve since the FMM's left in 2012. Lay ministry is very much alive in Harris County, Georgia!! Christ the King parish has a bright future!



Good Friday Walk for Hunger & Homelessness

“YOU PRAY FOR THE HUNGRY.  
THEN YOU FEED THEM.  
THIS IS HOW PRAYER WORKS.”

*Franciscus*



Good Friday Walk for Hunger and Homelessness – Rhode Island. “The lives of the poor among us were a clarion call to all those concerned with poverty – and all that poverty generates.”

For the past 38 years Good Friday for many Christians in the State of Rhode Island is marked by a Good Friday Walk for Hunger and Homelessness. In 1978 a number of Roman Catholic Parishes in Providence were confronted



Barbara and Denise from St. Mary's on steps of State House

by the urgent situations of hunger and homelessness. Other groups and Churches embraced this issue when invited by The Walk Board of Directors. Today The Walk is truly an ecumenical effort as we walk three to five miles from our different Stepping Out Sights and come together at the Rhode Island State House. Wide-ranging religious denominations, communities, schools, non-profits and businesses support The Walk. Pledges amount from \$25,000-\$50,000 for distribution to those involved in providing food and housing security. In 2016, the concerns recognized at the beginning

have become more pervasive and widespread, affecting the lives of more people than ever. The Organizers report that the Walk has grown to about 1000 with the goal this year at \$100,000. On their web site they announce this good news: “The 38th Good Friday Walk 2016 was a huge success! Thank you to all the walkers, Stepping Out Sights, sponsors, and all that made this walk so great. Thank you to all that helped with the rally, it was awesome!!!!”

A special thanks to all the speakers: our Governor Gina Raimondo, Mark Serles, Cheryl Albright, David Cicilline, and all the speakers from some of our agencies. Most of all thank you to the Board of directors and the committees that worked tirelessly to help raise funds for the hungry and homeless not only in RI but overseas!”

The Walk website <http://goodfridaywalkforhungerrri.org> has adopted Pope Francis' vision about our relation to those who suffer Poverty in our world. You pray for the Hungry. Then you feed them. This is how prayer works. They incorporate the belief of Our Holy Father Pope Francis, that the church is like a field hospital after battle that reaches out to the wounded – noting that Our agencies and churches that help the poor, needy and homeless are our FIELD HOSPITALS. Some of these Field Hospitals are:

- St Raymond (1240 North Main St Providence)
- Saint Patrick Catholic Church/Maryhouse (244 Smith Street, Providence)
- Calvary Baptist Church (747 Broad Street, Providence)
- St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church (239 Oxford Street, Providence)
- People's Baptist Church (1275 Elmwood Avenue, Cranston)
- Crossroads Rhode Island (160 Broad Street, Providence)
- Sophia Academy
- St. Martin's Episcopal Church (50 Orchard Avenue on Providence's East Side)
- St. Mary on Broadway Roman Catholic Church (538 Broadway, Providence)
- St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church (549 Plainfield Street, Providence)
- St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church (5 Mann Avenue, Newport)

“POVERTY IS THE FLESH OF THE POOR JESUS, IN THAT CHILD WHO IS HUNGRY, IN THE ONE WHO IS SICK, IN THOSE UNJUST SOCIAL STRUCTURES.”

*Pope Francis*



We walked with the group from St. Mary's Broadway, joining the other walkers, including the children, at the RI State House.

*Barbara Dopierala, fmm; Mary Matte, fmm*



ON THE STEPS OF THE RI STATE HOUSE: CHILDREN WITH THE SIGN FOR THE WALK AND GOVERNOR RAIMONDO WITH HER FAMILY



# Jubilarians 2016

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Savina D'Agostino, FMM



Eugenia Choi, FMM



Ana Lina Garcia, FMM

70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Theresa Arsenault, FMM



Gloria Carpinello, FMM



Marie Paule Willem, FMM

65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Anne Kelly, FMM



Ann Tarnauskas, FMM



Mincha Castrillo, FMM



From Blessed Mary of the Passion ...

At Nazareth Mary did not do anything great;  
her life was not famous,  
nevertheless, no one ever co-operated as she did  
in the salvation of the world.

Meditations 278