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Connections

Fourteen years ago...even before that...the Holy Spirit opened our hearts and our eyes to each other. We became one. The spirit moves in each of us...and we see it in our work, our relationships and in everything around us. As in God's design, all is connected...all is one. We celebrate the lives that touch us and are grateful to remember those special ones in those special times, like our Jubilarians, because it is then that we feel the Spirit soar and the breath of God in our soul. Thank you for sharing your days with us, and please continue to send your photos to Gina Sullivan. We hope you enjoy the issue.



In LaGrange, Srs. **Marlene Schemmel** (left) and **Rosie LaFlaur** (right) were part of a project with St. Francis Xavier Parish, helping with refugee resettlement. A family of six from Syria were welcomed to their new home, complete with an art "heart" and hugs that transcended all language barriers.



Celebrating Jubilarians in Nazareth



Sisters in Nazareth celebrated Jubilarians at Ascension Borgess Place with prayers and services, smiles and treats. **Srs. Helen Travis** and **Rose Mary Martin** renewed their vows, and participants then joined them for a summer picnic and cake. **Fr. Mike Hazard** celebrated the Mass and took part in the festivities.

Some of this year's Jubilarians include (top left) *standing*—**Sr. Mary Rene Poirier** *seated*— (l to r) **Srs. Katie Shanahan, Agnes Breitenbeck, Grace Scola** (top right) **Srs. Rose Mary Martin, Mary Ellen Gondeck and Helen Travis.**



In a previous issue, we reported on the NOLA Grannies, a New Orleans group who meets Asylum Seekers at the bus station to assist them with directions and needs.

Jan Janz (seen here with her grandson **Levi**) is one of the Grannies that spoke to our Sisters.

As a result, our Baton Rouge Sisters began knitting blankets for them, some of which have now been completed and delivered.



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Left: Rocks were painted displaying words of love and support to share with trafficking victims.

Right: Srs. **Carrie Vall**, **Hope Greener** and **Loretta Schulte** send messages of love and hope through their artwork.

In Cleveland, S. **Carrie Vall** conducted a rock painting art class. The local Collaborative to End Human Trafficking asked for painted rocks with positive words and phrases to share with survivors of trafficking. Our Sisters were happy to be part of the effort to support victims.



In Wheeling, Chef **Scott Maguire** conducted a cooking class for the Sisters on the art of making crepes. After producing the delicate foundation for the dessert, Sisters were invited to add the fruit filling of their choice and enjoy their creations. Of course, vegetables are a mainstay of our diets, and Wheeling's garden is producing a bounty of vegetables for the table. Pictured above are (left) **Scott Maguire**, (center) Srs. **Mary Clark**, **Theresa Metz**, **Joan Singer** and **Mary Palmer** (right) **Mary Clark** checking out the garden.

In LaGrange, Director of Social and Environmental Justice, **Kascha Sanor**, met with S. **Mary Jo Curtsinger** (standing), **Kate Theriot** and **S. Pat Bergen**. It was a good chance to spend some time with each other, to talk, and to look at and plan for some of the things happening in CSJ.





Cleveland Srs. **Judy Cole** and **Toni Campanella** were part of the crew of volunteers making and packaging hundreds of cookies for St. Edward's monthly community meal. Sr. **Ann Kilbane** times the baking so that the treats are "just right."



All You Need is Love...

At the Wheeling Park Amphitheater, Srs. **Mary Alice McMasters**, **Rosie Coughlin**, **Mary Clark** and **Barb Kupchak** enjoyed an outdoor concert of Beatles music .



Sisters **Cynthia Sabathier**, **Joan Laplace**, **Lucy Silvio** and **Adelaide Williamson** with friend **Susan Hymel** (first in picture) participated in the Save Our Water BR Solutions Summit. The Congregation of St. Joseph was one of the four sponsors, thanks to the efforts of the Gift Committee through Sister **Julie Kraemer**.



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The Sisters at Hundred Oaks celebrated the 14th Anniversary of the Congregation with a prayer service. Each were presented with a rose. Left to right front: Sisters **Annie Ramagos, Lucy Silvio, Anna Schellhaas, Janet Roesener, Kathleen Babin** Back left to right: Sisters **Evelyn Mee, Sandra Blanchard, Cynthia Sabathier, Julie Kraemer, Adele Lambert and Joan Hartlaub**



Nine vocation directors, five discerners and one guest participated in the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Vocation Night at Notre Dame University, IN. Hosted by Kenna Arana and Taylor Kelly and Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC, the night included prayer, an opportunity to visit with the Sisters, learn about each of their communities, and view display tables. Four Sisters served on a panel addressing community living, prayer, living the vows, and ways to incorporate the promotion of vocations in schools and classrooms. This was followed by small and large group discussions, “speed dating,” dinner, and Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica.

Vocation Directors who participated in the evening included **Sr. Mary Jo Curtsinger**, CSJ from LaGrange, Kathy Brady-Murfin representing the SSCMs, Sr. Nancy Gilchriest, SSND, Sr. Marie Mackey, CSJ from Brentwood, Sr. Jean Keeley, OP, Sr. Aprilia Untarto, SSpS, Sr. Susan Reuben, OSB, and Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC.