

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2022

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- 16 Cyber Cluster with Jeanie Fritscher
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For a complete list of events, visit the members' website: members.bvmsisters.org>
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For a list of volunteer opportunities, visit: bvmsisters.org/volunteer.

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BVM Associate News

A Faithful Present, a Hopeful Future

FREEDOM • EDUCATION • CHARITY • JUSTICE

Fall 2022

Dear Circle of Friends,

We have been talking about the "See, We Are Doing Something New" reflections. Hopefully, you have had a chance to look over the documents and ponder the questions. Some of you have mailed in your responses . . . thank you! Some of you have been able to respond with a group, or with one other person. We have been offering opportunities to complete the reflection in person. We will be offering Zoom sessions (watch for emails) and will happily work with anyone who wishes to have one-on-one sessions via phone or Zoom.

In June 2023, BVM association will celebrate its 50th anniversary! How are you celebrating? What special wishes do you have for the future? Please share with any Associate Coordinator Team (ACT) member or with Office of Life and Mission



ACT: Jeanie Fritscher (l.), Grace Mendez, and Eileen O'Shea

Administrative Assistant Suzie Wright, at bvmassociates@bvmsisters.org.

BVM sisters and associates renew vows and promises each year around the Dec. 8 feast day of the Immaculate Conception. Watch for email invitations to share that special time with other associates and be sure to let us know how you plan to renew your promises. We love pictures and reflections!

Many blessings,
Associate Coordinator Team (ACT)

New Associate: Jerry Delaney

Please join us in welcoming Jerry Delaney as a new associate. Jerry is a former BVM, and an active member of the set of 1961. BVMs Irene Lukefahr, Joellen McCarthy, Dee Peppard, Sandy Rodemyer, and Associates Ann Marie Long and Kathleen Maas Weigert, all members of the set of 1961, were her companions in the discernment journey.

Jerry made her commitment on July 31, exactly 61 years after she first entered the BVM community. It was a beautiful summer afternoon in Jerry's backyard in the presence of her children and grandchildren, BVM sisters, associates, members of the set of 1961, and friends from many parts of her life.

We are so happy that Jerry decided to join our Circle of Friends.

—Associate Coordinator Eileen O'Shea



New Associate Jerry Delaney (seated) is surrounded by Chicago Associates (l.) Anne Marie Long, Helen Gabel, Kathleen Maas-Weigert, Virginia Piecuch, Eileen O'Shea, and Marybeth Coleman.



Associate Day of Reflection: *Being Fully Human*

On Nov. 5, beginning at 10 a.m. (CST), Associate Katie Anders will lead a day of reflection on what “Being Fully Human” means.

Part of being fully human is learning to work with the highs and lows of life. As we journey through these experiences, how do we learn to respond rather than react? Can we feel our emotions without identifying with them? Can we lean into self-compassion when confronted with difficult emotions?

Together we will explore the example given to us by Jesus in the Gospels, spend time in reflection and conversation, and engage in practices that can guide us to a deeper understanding of who and how we are in the world.

Associates, sisters, discerners, and friends are welcome to participate via Zoom.

Contact swright@bvmsisters.org if you would like to register.

New Associate: Diane Kopp



Please join the ACT in welcoming Diane Kopp as an associate. Diane was born in Dubuque, Iowa, and was raised on a farm near St.

Joseph on the Prairie, the original BVM Motherhouse. She grew up with an older brother and two younger sisters.

Diane first met BVMs when her mother worked at the Mount Carmel Infirmary.

Her dear mother worked the night of the Infirmary fire. Diane remembers hearing many stories about that horrific night. Diane and her sisters were always excited to go to Mount Carmel to visit the sisters with their mother on her day off, which brings back many fond memories.

Diane graduated in the first graduating class at Wahlert High School in 1960. She attended Clarke University, majoring in psychology under Ethel Dignan, BVM and minored in education under Teresa McDade, BVM. After graduation, she taught in Dubuque at Irving and Fulton schools.

Diane married and moved to Columbia, Mo., and became a mother of three boys. She taught for four more years and then the family moved to Fargo, N.D., for 20 years.

In Fargo, she worked at Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance to assist in supporting the family.

In 2000 Diane moved back to Dubuque as a single woman once her children were grown. There, she went to work at Holy Family Day Care and retired from that position after 10 years.

During her retirement, Diane began taking classes at the Roberta Kuhn Center. She so enjoyed learning from BVM Kitty Lawlor’s class “BVM Pioneers.” Kitty encouraged Diane to become an associate. This was a very intriguing idea for Diane.

She also met Associates Sharon Scully and Maureen Frommelt. Sharon Scully became her mentor, companion, and friend through the discernment process. They met with various BVMs over the past year. Diane has found this enlightening as well as enjoyable.

Diane looks forward to participating with the wider Circle of Friends and being involved in various activities as an associate. Diane and Sharon are presently planning her commitment ceremony with the help of the Office of BVM Life and Mission staff.

Welcome, Diane!

—Associate Coordinator Jeanie Fritscher

Pondering

*There is a quiet light that shines in every heart.
It draws no attention to itself though it is always there...*

—John O’Donohue



How do we learn to trust this? How do we see the innate goodness that shares space with selfishness and sometimes even cruelty?

An image comes to me of a small ember that just keeps quietly burning, giving off just enough light so that you know it is still giving off heat, still present.

It seems easy to be aware of those whose light is burning brightly, but what about all the people who quietly go about their day spreading love and kindness? Do I recognize them?

They are everywhere...the person who holds open the door, the woman who is picking up trash on her morning walk, the one who sits quietly by the bedside of another in need. So many people have lived lives motivated by this quiet light within, drawing no attention to themselves, and yet profoundly impacting others by sharing their love and kindness.

As I ponder this, I pray for the eyes to see the quiet light within each of us before anything else.

—Associate Katie Anders

Core Values for a Book Group?

What should a group of friends entitle themselves to signify readers of scripture, intimates, monthly bonders experiencing joy and pain, as well as supporters during life-shifting events?

Years ago, Mira Mosle, BVM was asked by a long-time friend from St. Joseph Academy in Des Moines, Iowa, if she thought association would be a good fit for Diane Broderick. Mira replied, "Yes!" and the 2-year discernment process commenced. Mira and BVM Nancy McCarthy participated with Associate Lori Ritz. BVM Kathy Carr spearheaded the process.

Mira and Nancy knew Diane and her family from when Diane attended St. Joseph as a student. Mira and Nancy were also colleagues and friends of her aunt, Mary Carola Broderick, BVM. Lori graduated with Diane's sister, Renae. Kathy lived and worked in Seattle, the current home of Diane.

Past and current bonds were quickly and meaningfully renewed

during the discernment process and associate commitment ceremony.

After the discernment process ended, Diane felt a true loss of companionship that the monthly process and commitment provided. Someone suggested a monthly book group as a simplified substitute.

Although lacking the depth and BVM history of discernment, the monthly book group commitment has provided warmth, a spirit of sharing, and topics to spark discussion.

Themes of books selected often offer points of discussion about childhood losses, current struggles, amazing gains, and gratitude. The group has shared memories of great reads, sad personal themes, and strengths to be modeled.

What is the group name? No name yet . . . naming the group is not a top priority. The reminders of what brings the group together, the cherished and shared core values, unite and inspire each session.

—Associate Diane Broderick



Titles of Books Read Thus Far:

My Antonia by Willa Cather

An Interrupted Life by Ety Hillesum

Hannah Coulter by Wendell Berry

Liesl & Po by Lauren Oliver

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger

Under the Tulip Tree by Michelle Shocklee

The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles

The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

Wish You Were Here by Jody Picoult

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

The Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson

Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr (upcoming!)



Book club members (top, l.) Associates Diane Broderick and Lori Ritz enjoying their literary discussion with BVMs Nancy McCarthy and Mira Mosle.

Associates in Action



Getting to Know Associate Rosalia (Lia) Avila

Unlike most associates, Rosalia (Lia) Avila did not have BVM teachers. She grew up in Bolivia, entered the United States, and settled in St. Philip Parish in Pasadena, Calif., where she met BVMs Mary Jean Ferry and Joan Condon.

They became friends partly through their shared interest in helping others. Lia volunteered for eight years at Huntington Hospital in Pasadena. She also worked with the Brothers of Charity and Meet Each Need with Dignity (MEND).

In 1999, when Mary Jean and Joan asked Lia if she'd like to be an associate, Lia wondered what she'd have to do. She was pleased that it meant continuing her volunteer work, attending meetings with like-minded people, and praying with them. Her answer was "YES!" She wanted to belong to a community.

Lia became an associate on Dec. 1, 2005. It has been a great gift to know so many good people with the same interests. She has learned so much from them.

—Mary A. Healey, BVM

Operation Gratitude

While attending a Zoom gathering with my cluster in Montrose, Calif., I was able to share what my projects have been since even before the pandemic began.

For the past five years, I have been volunteering at Operation Gratitude, which serves deployed troops.

I do many different things: crochet, write notes or letters, make paracords, stuff teddy bears for the children of the deployed, and help by packing boxes for the troops.

I don't sit to write hundreds of letters all at once; I do a little at a time, two or four a day. I just like to participate and be useful. I crochet using material donated by Associates Gil and Shirley Federico. In sharing the process, we are together in mission.

I had been in training for the past five months at Operation Gratitude to receive a blue shirt. This means that I am

able to help other volunteers with the processes. I was happy to receive my blue shirt on Aug. 6. I know that my fellow associates and sisters were with me, because where one BVM is, all BVMs are present in spirit.

We are enlightened to know we are together in mind and with warm hearts in whatever we do.

If you have questions about this program, here is the contact information for Southern California and their nationwide website:

Operation Gratitude

Attn: Community Service Program
9409 Owensmouth Ave.
Chatsworth, CA 91311-6904
818-960-7878
operationgratitude.com

—Associate Rosalia (Lia) Avila



Following retirement, Associate Lori Ritz visits a plaza in Brussels, Belgium dating back to the 1600s. Mary Frances Clarke joins her in spirit!

Congratulations, Lori!

Best wishes are extended to Associate Lori Ritz for a happy retirement.

Her years of service to the congregation through her various roles as an associate coordinator, and director of the Office of BVM Life and Mission are a testament to her commitment and dedication to the charism that forms the BVM community.

During her five years as director of BVM Life and Mission, Lori created many strong relationships with BVM heritage institutions such as Clarke University, Xavier College Prep, and Carmel Catholic High School, as well as with multi-congregational groups such as Dubuque Area Vocations Association, NACAR, and Midwest Kindred Spirits.

RAGBRAI XLIX

What do Sergeant Bluff, Ida Grove, Pocahontas, Emmetsburg, Mason City, Charles City, West Union, and Lansing all have in common? They were all home bases for the 2022 *Des Moines Register's* Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI). This year's trek was the 49th such ride and was held in the last full week of July, from Sunday to Saturday.

It always moves from the western edge of the state of Iowa to the Mississippi River with riders covering scores of miles each day. There is a ceremonial dip of back tires in the Missouri River to start the journey and a ceremonial dip of the front tires in the Mississippi River to end it.

This year's ride was particularly special to me because both my wife, and fellow BVM associate, Marabeth (Betsy to her family) and my eldest son, Josh, made the entire trip. It was Marabeth's sixth complete RAGBRAI and Josh's first.

The weather was kind to the 18,000 bikers this year as temperatures and humidity were mild, there was hardly any rain, and the wind was generally at the backs of the participants. This was fortunate because it was one of the longest routes at 462 miles and entailed one day's ride in excess of 100 miles!

For Marabeth, the quality of the ride is paramount. Her daily leisurely pedal includes enjoying the rural sights

and the wonderful spread of food, drink, music, and entertainment that each town puts on along the way. It is "Iowa friendly" at its best. Even the tire breakdown that required a two-hour delay the day of the hundred-mile ride didn't divert Marabeth from her mission!

It was an honor for Yadi and I to serve in support of the biking of Josh and Marabeth. In that service, we were joined by my daughter-in-law, Angel, and granddaughter, Lennon, for a couple of days.

As support people, we provide drives between hotels and biking sites as well as serve lunch and refreshments at each day's meeting town in the middle of the route.

I couldn't be prouder of the endurance, resolve, and accomplishments of my wife and son over the week. Plans are already in motion for next year's ride!

And who is Yadi? He is our Shih Tzu. He is great at emotional support, but not so much help setting up and tearing down lunch!

—Associate Norm Freund



Josh Freund (l.) and his mom, Associate Marabeth Freund dip their back tires in the Missouri River in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, at the beginning of the ride.



After a 462 mile trek, mom and son victoriously celebrate the end of the ride, after dipping their front tires in the Mississippi River, at Lansing, Iowa.



Reckless Gun Amendment

BVM President LaDonna Manternach stands with Associate Discerner Mary Moothart at the Sept. 24 non-partisan "Rally to Defeat the Reckless Gun Amendment" held by the Dubuque Coalition Against Nonviolence. The orange signs were purchased thanks to a Congregational Stances grant. Associates and sisters are able to apply for these types of grants at any time by downloading the form found on the members' website under "Forms".

Associates you should know . . .

Pat McTeague: How a Canadian born U.S. citizen came to live in Ecuador for 55 years



Born in Montreal to a Canadian mother and American father, Pat McTeague moved with her family to Albany and

then Chicago. Her Chicago home was next door to Immaculata High School. Pat attended Immaculata and loved it, as well as loving the BVMs for their dedication and patience.

She also loved her classes in Spanish. Pat entered the congregation, went to the BVM Scholasticate for a year, and was assigned to teach first grade at St. Vincent de Paul School in Chicago. For three years she continued weekend and summer classes at Mundelein College

(a short “L” ride away) and graduated fluent in Spanish.

Mother Mary Consolatrice, BVM asked Pat to accompany Margaret “Mary” Houlihan, BVM who was going to Quito, Ecuador, to work at the Jesuit University of Quito.

Pat taught grade school, but soon the university hired her, a native speaker of English, to teach. There she met Fr. John Halligan, SJ who persuaded her to work at the Working Boys Center with Miguel Conway, BVM. (There’s a long list of BVMs who have worked there long or short times, but Miguel goes on forever.)

Pat thought this was her niche until Associate Sonya Redón urged her to come to Guayaquil. They wanted to open a school with two sessions: morning for paying students and afternoon for poor students. Sonya’s parents gave their big house for a school. Her father added the house next door. After five years, larger quarters were needed.

The double school lasted 43 years, but COVID-19 closed it for lack of money to pay the teachers for the poor school. They hope to reopen soon.

Along the way, Pat left vowed life; she and Sonya became associates.

—Mary A. Healey, BVM

Faith Holland



I was educated by the BVM sisters from eighth grade through high school. My daughters, Christy and Stephanie, also received their

high school education from the BVM sisters. I have always admired the BVMs and believe they greatly influenced and strengthened my faith, which is very important to me. Suzanne Stopper, BVM, one of the sisters who taught Christy, is at the Montrose Convent in Calif., where we have our cluster meetings.

A high school classmate and his wife, Gil and Shirley Frederico, started their discernment process to become associates and invited me to a cluster meeting with them. When I walked into my first meeting, I saw another high school classmate, Francine Lee, and her husband Bill. They were already associates.

Wow, there were three of us from Bellarmine-Jefferson High School, Class of ’58. Also discerning with us was Dolores Bromberek, conference president of our St. Vincent de Paul Society, of which I am a member and spiritual advisor.

As time went on, I came to see that the BVM core values—Freedom,

Education, Charity, and Justice—were very similar to those of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Making the decision to become an associate couldn’t have come at a better time. I retired on March 31, 2020, from a dental office where I worked as an office manager for over 40 years. My retirement was planned before we knew about COVID-19 and what a toll it would take on all of us. I waited so long to retire and found myself with all this free time but nothing to do.

I had just started the discernment process, and then it was understandably put on hold. After a period of isolation, Vicki Smurlo, BVM resumed our discernment meetings outside on the convent patio. We were socially distanced, masked, and bundled up.

I became an associate on July 10, 2021. It’s hard to believe it’s been over a year already. I think that we are fortunate to use Zoom to connect with a variety of informative and spiritual meetings.

Since we can gather virtually, I was able to attend most of the assembly meetings and the retreat. We are now back to in-person meetings, depending on the situation. Recently, we have been

discussing the BVM directional statements and are currently choosing a statement that we will commit to for a year.

One of our latest projects is working with Operation Gratitude, an organization that delivers care packages to deployed troops, first responders, military families, recruit graduates, veterans, wounded heroes, and caregivers.

In addition, our cluster has been writing thank-you notes to servicemen, women, and first responders. We’ve also been collecting newspaper comics that will be added to the care packages.

It’s comforting to be part of the BVM sisters and associates’ prayer life, knowing that their prayers are for me and my family and that my prayers are for them. I like Mary Frances Clarke’s quote: “Leave the future to God; I have no fears so long as you are working unitedly but that God will aid as in the past.”

In my spare time, I have a weekly card game with long-time friends, some I’ve known for almost 60 years. In addition, I take a dance and exercise class a couple of times a week on Zoom, and I just started going back to the YMCA after over two years.

—Associate Faith Holland

Teresa Tiffany



Teresa Tiffany says she was “very blessed” to be educated by BVMs, kindergarten through high school in Phoenix. Afterward, she went

to Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where she met her husband, Philip. Forty-six years ago, they married.

Meanwhile, she began teaching at Assumption in East Los Angeles where BVMs Therese McNerney was her principal and Mary Jean Ferry was her colleague. Both had taught her so much in Phoenix.

Teresa’s mother, also named Mary Jean, had formed a special bond with her namesake that lasted until her mother died. Teresa has kept up the friendship and met many other special BVMs through it. After about 10 years at home with her children, Teresa returned to teaching at her parish school and worked there with another awesome BVM, Mary Agnes O’Connor. Now she is retired and enjoying her grandchildren.

Teresa’s parents received *Vista*, predecessor to *Salt*, and talked about

the articles. Having heard about Mount Carmel all her life, she finally came for the first of three visits in 2015. She looks forward to visiting her many friends after all the mud is cleared away from construction of Mount Carmel Bluffs.

In 2018, Teresa became an associate at Holy Redeemer Convent in Montrose, Calif. The group meets the second Saturday of each month, sometimes by Zoom. They catch up, pray for each other, and discuss a reading. Before the pandemic, they used to take part in more face-to-face service projects.

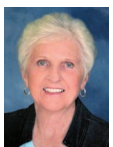
They write thank you letters to veterans via Operation Gratitude. Teresa contributes in small ways: a meal for a sick friend, packing groceries at the food bank, sending an email when justice calls, continuing her education and educating others, and sharing her beautiful backyard during the pandemic. Vicki Smurlo, BVM, reminds them, “Where one of you is, we all are.”

—Mary A. Healey, BVM



Grandma Teresa Tiffany picks pumpkins with her grandchildren Micah and Madelyn who helped to harvest this early crop and then distributed them in the neighborhood.

Nancy McCarville



Nancy McCarville entered the BVM Congregation after graduating from St. Edmond High School in Fort Dodge, Iowa, and left after four

years of teaching.

For 25 years she taught 6th-grade in Downers Grove, Ill. Part of that job was to accompany 100 sixth graders and other faculty to YMCA camp, teach all day and cabin-mother at night.

She developed classes in forest ecosystems and the cycle of nature, use of a compass, a map to a buried treasure, a study of non-green plant life, and how to distill alcohol from dandelions.

While in the Chicago area, Nancy reconnected with Mary Angela Buser, BVM whom she had known when teaching in New York and joined her, and BVMs Otilie Sana and Marion Murphy, to tutor at Westside Education and Employment Center

Now Nancy lives in Waterloo, Iowa, and helps in the parish. Recently she organized the boxes of files from the four parishes that closed and melded into Queen of Peace Parish, which included

Our Lady of Victory School, taught by BVMs. For five years she volunteered during retreats at the Dubuque Diocesan American Martyrs Retreat Center, in Dubuque, Iowa.

In 2011, Nancy became an associate accompanied by Mary Angela. Over the years, Nancy has traveled to Milwaukee for a weekend in support of Hispanic issues, another weekend in Dubuque in service at Maria House and Lantern Center, and an in-service at Operation Breakthrough in Kansas City.

Her three-year role as associate coordinator took her to Florida for a weekend with BVM sisters and associates, appreciating BVM Ann DeNicolo and her work at Catholic Charities. Also, with a contingent of BVM sisters, associates, and friends, she experienced a week at the Working Boys Center in Quito, Ecuador.

Nancy is preparing to move to the Terrace Apartments at Mount Carmel Bluffs in Dubuque, pioneering a new chapter in BVM life.

—Mary A. Healey, BVM

SAVE THE DATES

See, We Are Doing Something New

ACC member Kathy Weishaar will be hosting an in-person session on the “See We Are Doing Something New” project with associates and sisters, Sunday, Oct. 16, 1–3 p.m. at Roosevelt Place in Chicago. Please RSVP to Kathy by Oct. 12. Contact information is listed in the BVM directory.

BVM Community Advent Program

The Office of BVM Life and Mission in partnership with BVM sisters, associates, and employees are happy to invite you to celebrate Advent 2022. The celebration will begin Sunday, Nov. 27. More details to come via email.

BVM Network Reminder: *Living Out the New Story*



**Bridget
Sperduto, M.Ed.**

In this time of entrenched patriarchy and toxic masculinity, a new narrative is needed.

The whole universe is longing it into being. Can you feel it?

Women bring unique qualities that align with the way the universe works. Qualities that are an antidote to the cry of the poor and the cry of Earth. Come activate your power to be the change! People of all genders are welcome to attend.

Bridget Sperduto, M.Ed., director of The Well Spirituality Center in La Grange Park, Ill., is ready to inspire, encourage, and help us discover how we are ready to act.

BVM Network for Women's Issues will be virtual on Sat., Oct. 22. If you need a registration form, or want to verify your registration status, contact swright@bvmsisters.org.

Associate Necrology November 2021–September 2022

As we prepare our hearts and minds for the observance of All Saints Day Nov. 1, let us give thanks for these associates who died within the past year.

These women embodied the BVM charism and core values. They were treasured friends and family members. They are missed. Recent obituaries have been posted online: bvmsisters.org/associate-obituaries.



Shirley Witlin

Aug. 3, 1942–
Nov. 12, 2021
Commitment:
April 17, 2009



Mary Therese Gill

May 2, 1931–
Feb. 4, 2022
Commitment:
Jan. 14, 2003



Janice M. Del Fiocco

March 25, 1942–
June 5, 2022
Commitment:
Jan. 29, 2006



Josanne McCarver

April 24, 1931–
Dec. 10, 2021
Commitment:
Nov. 29, 1982



Jocile Walsh

April 13, 1935–
March 2, 2022
Commitment:
Feb. 14, 1997



Elizabeth Fitting

Jan. 27, 1941–
June 23, 2022
Commitment:
Dec. 3, 2005



Mary Ann D. Troy

Aug. 1, 1941–
Dec. 14, 2021
Commitment:
Aug. 14, 1994



Shirley Molumby Eckholm

July 29, 1933–
March 14, 2022
Commitment:
Sept. 26, 2003



Katherine (Katy) Mary O'Shea

May 18, 1930–
Sept. 4, 2022
Commitment:
July 16, 2013

BVM Mission:

We are the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a community of Catholic women called to live the mission of Jesus through our core values of

FREEDOM, EDUCATION, CHARITY, AND JUSTICE.

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