



Holy Cross Early Childhood Center

By Sister Louise Auclair, CSC

About Us

The Sisters of Holy Cross founded Holy Cross Kindergarten in 1959 to serve the children and families of greater Manchester. The goals of the program were to foster the children's physical growth, their religious and emotional development, their intellectual curiosity, healthy interpersonal relationships, and social etiquette. The original group consisted of eight children who were five-years-old, and the mission was to provide an outstanding education to prepare them for Grade 1.

As the needs of the community changed, the kindergarten became **Holy Cross Early Childhood Center (HCECC)**. What was once an academic program only for kinder-

garteners is now a developmentally appropriate program for ages 3-7 years old focusing on the uniqueness of each child in his/her social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth. Today, it is open 50 weeks per year, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. HCECC is a NH Licensed Program, by the NH Child Care Licensing Unit, a Licensed Plus Program by the NH Child Development Bureau, and recently received certification as a **Nature Explore Classroom**. Our Program is an ongoing evolution as we continue to create a natural outdoor learning experience that is as important as our indoor classrooms.

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Cindy Wallace, Director of HCECC

Congratulations to Holy Cross Early Childhood Center for having received certification as a **Nature Explore Classroom**. The Nature Explore goal is to help nature become an integral, joyful part of children's daily learning and connect children and families to the wonders of nature.

Holy Cross Early Childhood Center is on the perimeter of the city of Manchester. Families and children are grateful for our green grass, trees and natural surroundings. Families comments include. . . "Our children are gaining skills, knowledge and a shared value of nature and rich learning throughout the year."

The Sisters of Holy Cross, families, children and staff work together to create this beautiful place we call **Holy Cross Early Childhood Center**.



From our own fruit tree



Looking for our Frogs



Summer Harvest

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER AWARD

AWARDED TO SISTER JEANNETTE LANDREVILLE, CSC

By Danielle Neuffer



Congratulations to Sister Jeannette for receiving the St. Joseph the Worker Award a well-deserved honor given by the Diocese of Manchester. At 91 years young, Sr. Jeannette is a shining example of a community partner “whose gift of time, talent or treasure is a transformative influence, enabling Catholic education to thrive in their community.” The faculty and staff of St. Catherine of Siena School were in immediate and unanimous agreement that no one is more deserving of this award than Sister. She has dedicated her life to bringing educational and moral support to others. She exemplifies the spirit of St. Catherine of Siena who said. “Be who God created you to be, and you will set the world on fire.”



THANK YOU TO OUR BENEFACTORS



Working on installing the central air conditioning.

This is the first summer with central air conditioning at Holy Cross Health Center—such a gift to the residents and staff, especially facing such an experience of climate change. Everyone is so much more comfortable with this new system.

In the words of Sr. Patricia St. Hilaire, “Love the air conditioning, I am so comfortable, it is perfect.” Sister is in her mid 90’s and is so appreciative, as well as all our other residents and staff.

Thank you to all our benefactors for their kindness and generosity in making this a reality.



Sr. Patricia St. Hilaire, CSC



Work completed.

MEET STEFANIE OSIEK

HOLY CROSS HEALTH CENTER ADMINISTRATOR



For over 28 years, Stefanie Osiek has been providing mission based service oversight for older adults. With a strong connection to her grandparents growing up, she knew that this was the field to which she wanted to dedicate her talents.

Growing up as a daughter of an Air Force Pilot, Stefanie grew up all over the world. Living in seven places by the time she was ten years old certainly allowed her to establish the knack for learning to be outgoing and meeting new people. Unfortunately, at the age of 13, while her father was stationed at the Pentagon, he passed away from cancer. After a few years of remaining in the Northern Virginia area, Stefanie and her mother moved to St. Louis, Missouri. This move allowed Stefanie to finish her final two years of high school in the St. Louis area, as well as to meet her husband to be.

After high school, Stefanie completed her Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Management and Master's Degree in Gerontology. Stefanie married her high school sweetheart in November of 1997. They have been married 24 years and have two beautiful children, Alicia (20) and Aaron (18).



Stefanie began her career in health care as an Admission Coordinator at a skilled nursing community in St. Louis, MO. Over the years she has grown into an enthusiastic leader in the healthcare industry as a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator dedicated to ensuring residents receive the best possible care with compassion and dignity.

At the end of 2020, Stefanie and her family relocated to Windham, NH, from St. Louis Missouri due to an opportunity for her husband to accept his dream job as Chief Scientific Officer for a company in Northern Massachusetts. After getting settled in their new home and getting her nursing home administrator's license transferred to the State of New Hampshire and passing the State test, Stefanie knew that she wanted to continue to work in a dedicated, mission-based organization. At the end of March 2021 she was hired at Holy Cross Health Center as the Administrator. "I was so elated to see an organization's mission aligned with my personal mission, so I knew it was going to be a great fit," stated Stephanie. She continued; "with the team here at Holy Cross Health Center is truly amazing. Each person's dedication to each resident is immeasurable. It truly is a pleasure to be a part of this team."

Stefanie encourages an open door policy and invites you to stop by and say hello.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 JUBILARIANS



Judith Langevin, CSC
60 years



Françoise, DeMers, CSC
60 years



Therese Labore, CSC
65 years



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65 years



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65 years



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70 years



Eleanor LaBranche, CSC
70 years



Jeannette Landreville, CSC
70 years



Pauline Morneau, CSC
70 years



Please give thanks and rejoice with us as we celebrate and thank God for the gift of these dedicated women as they celebrate their jubilee.

In Loving Memory

Sr. Lucille Blais (Gerard, Martyr)

April 2, 1928 - September 6, 2021



Born in Springfield MA, Sister Lucille entered the Sisters of Holy Cross in 1947 and pronounced her final vows in 1954. Sister received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Notre Dame College and earned more credits from several other college institutions.

Sister taught in St. Albans, Vermont, Montreal, PQ, Adams and Springfield Massachusetts, Manchester, Nashua, Rollinsford and Franklin, New Hampshire. After leaving full-time teaching, Sr. Lucille served as a tutor and a teacher's aide in several schools. She also worked as a receptionist at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Manchester, NH and also visited the homebound.

Sister is survived by many cherished nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, her brother, Harvey and her sister Rita.



Sr. Louise Tarpey (Sr. Louise-de-Marillac) **March 15, 1928 - October 9, 2021**



Born in New Bedford, MA, Sister entered the Congregation in 1946 and pronounced her final vows in 1953.

Sr. Louise was an elementary school teacher in New Hampshire and Massachusetts from 1948 to 1950. Along with teaching Kindergarten at St. Leo's in Gonic NH. She also was

the church organist and music teacher.

The community recognizing Sr. Louise's Gift of Leadership named her in charge of different houses from 1974 to 1993 where her kindness and gentleness were experienced by many. After her retirement in 1994, she volunteered at the Elliot Hospital knitting hats for new-born and premature babies, she also volunteered for the community.

She was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Charles. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Judy and nephews, grandnephews and grandniece.

Sr. Louise will be long remembered for her quiet presence and her contagious smile.

Sr. Georgette Caron (Sr. Georgette of Auvergne)

April 12, 1925 - November 21, 2021



Born in Nashua, NH sister entered the Congregation in 1942 and pronounced her final vows in 1949. She served the Congregation for 79 years.

Sister Georgette obtained a BA degree from Notre Dame College and an MS degree in Biology from Notre Dame University in Indiana. She taught in

Elementary and High School before going on to teach biology at Notre Dame College. She was Chairperson of the Biology Department and the Lab Coordinator. One of her great accomplishments was that of establishing a Holy Cross Scholarship Fund.

After leaving the College, she was Director of Transportation at St. George Manor. In 2008 she retired and in 2016 moved to Holy Cross Health Center.

She was predeceased by her parents six brothers, and her sister Jeannette Caron, CSC. She is survived by two sisters Fernande Lavoie and Lucienne Vaillancourt.



Sr. Jacqueline Kirouac (Sr. Paul-Henry) **March 14, 1939 – June 8, 2022**



Born in Manchester, she was the only daughter of the Kirouac's six children. Sister entered the Congregation in 1957 and pronounced her final vows in 1964.

Sr. Jackie earned a BA degree at Notre Dame College in Manchester. She taught for many years in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. She was also a

teacher, coach and administrative assistant at Trinity High School in Manchester, then worked in the Catholic School Department for the Diocese of Manchester, NH.

In her later years, she served the community in Manchester at St. George Manor and Holy Cross Health Center.

Sr. Jackie was predeceased by her parents and four of her brothers.

She is survived by her brother Louis Kirouac and his wife, Doris, of Atlanta, GA; a sister-in-law, Jeanne, of Naples FL; many nieces and nephews. Two God sons, Paul Kirouac and Joseph Lebel; many friends and treasured community members, especially Sr. Pauline Lebel and Sr. Jacqueline Brodeur.

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