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Sisters of Holy Cross Newsletter

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Leaving A Beloved Mission

By Eddie Graham & Mariah Hayden of New Life Village, Tampa, Florida



Sr. Aline Antil, csc

Sr. Catherine Poirier, csc

For an entire decade, Sister Aline has been a pillar of strength at New Life Village, dedicating herself to our mission and becoming a beloved tutor, leaving an immeasurable impact on our children's education. For the past seven years Sister Catherine, our resident **COO**—*Chief Optimism Officer*, has made it her personal mission to spread love, light, and appreciation to the entire Village community.

The combined service, commitment, and influential voices of Sister Aline and Sister Catherine have played a pivotal role in shaping the Village into what it is today. As we bid farewell to these remarkable women, we take a moment to share our love and appreciation for the unforgettable mark they have left on our community. The New Life Village community will miss them very much and wish them well on their next journey back in New Hampshire.

New Leadership Team



Sr. Anne Hoffler, CSC Sr. Therese Martin, CSC Sr. Blanche Lamarre, CSC

Meet Our Newly Elected Leadership Team.

Sister Blanche Lamarre is our Regional Animator. Her service is to the overview of all aspects of life in the U.S. Region. With the team, she assumes the responsibility for the spiritual, communal, and apostolic animation in the Region. Together, they establish and maintain ongoing means of communication, participation, dialogue and consultation with the sisters and and with the community groups.

Sister Therese Martin's role on the Regional Team is one connected especially to Community service. It is a service to Holy Cross community groups in the Region; a service to our eleven community groups called Bonded Groups; and a service of our regional community as one of seven other regional communities —to the Holy Cross Congregation. I hope and pray to serve the U.S. Region in community of heart and spirit with the other members of the Regional Team.

Sister Anne Hoffler is in charge of all communications going out to the community, that is, to send out e-mails pertaining to prayer requests, special announcements, and death notices of the Sisters, as well as in-house newsletters.



Out Going Team



(Left front) Sister Diane Dupere, CSC Sister Claire Coll, CSC
(left back) Sister Elaine Marquis, CSC Sister Pamela Nolan, CSC

Expressing Our Thanks to the Out-Going Team

We at this time want to thank the out-going team members for their dedication to the Region. They served us so well for these last six years. Much was contributed to the membership, because of their gifts of dedication, love, compassion, organizational skills and spiritual guidance. Father Moreau, our founder, must be smiling with pride and love.

Thank you and many blessings to you.



2024 Jubilarians



Anne-Marie St. Pierre, CSC
50 Years



Aline Antil, CSC
65 Years



Diane Dupere, CSC
65 Years



Doris Gagnon, CSC
65 Years



Suzanne Levesque, CSC
65 Years



Therese Martin, CSC
65 Years



Simone Poirier, CSC
65 Years



Therese St. Pierre, CSC
65 Years



Diane Villeneuve, CSC
65 Years



Janine Blanchard, CSC
70 Years



Pauline Labrie, CSC
70 Years



Evelyn Boucher, CSC
75 Years



Patricia St. Hilaire, CSC
80 Years



We are thankful and rejoice as we celebrate and thank God for the gift of our jubilarians. These faithful servants continue to serve either in active ministry or in the apostolate of prayer for family, friends and benefactors, for the Church and our Nation.

Congratulations !

In Loving Memory

**Sister Angela Moreau, CSC
(Sister Mary Angela of the Eucharist)
October 16, 1933 - May 20, 2023**



Sister Angela was born in Nashua, NH, the 15th of 16 children.

Sister entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1955 and made her final profession in 1962.

Sister was a dietician for several of the convents of the Congregation. Serving in several NH areas, Gonic, Manchester, Newmarket, Suncook, Rollinsford and Pittsfield; Adams and New Bedford, MA and Groton, CT.

Sister returned to St. George Manor in 1981. She transferred to Holy Cross Health Center in 2014. She is survived by her sister, Sr. Laurette Moreau, SJA, from Sillery, Quebec, and several nieces and nephews.

Rest in peace, Angela.



**Sister Pauline Morneau, CSC
(Sister Pauline of Jesus)
March 5, 1934 - July 12, 2023**



Sister was born in Springfield, MA, the youngest of 14 children. She served the Congregation for 70 years entering in 1952 and making final profession in 1960.

Sister Pauline earned a Bachelor's Degree from Notre Dame College in Manchester and Master's Degree from Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA. She taught at elementary and junior high schools and was principal in Attleboro, MA.

She served in the Provincial Administration, and served as a member of the Formation Team in Montreal, Quebec for six years. She later became Executive Director of Assumption Communications in Worcester, MA, she then served in the general administration in Montreal.

Sister Pauline returned to Manchester and was appointed as the Animator at St. George Manor. When her term ended she then served as Administrative Assistant to the Regional Team until her retirement in 2018.

Sister was predeceased by her parents and all of her siblings. She is survived by many nieces and nephews who were the treasures of her heart.

Rest in peace, Pauline.

**Sister Estelle Neveu, CSC
(Sister Cecile-Estelle)
June 5, 1929 - November 28, 2023**



Sister Estelle was born in Nashua, NH on June 5, 1929. She entered the Congregation in 1948 and pronounced her final vows in 1955.

Sister Estelle began her teaching career in Cornwall, Ontario, and in the latter part of 1950 through 1974, she taught grades one and two in Somersworth, Manchester, Salmon Falls in NH.

She received her Master of Arts degree in Library Science from Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois in 1973. Thus began her ministry as librarian in New Hampshire local schools. She dedicated her time to the Ministry of Prayer in 2008. In 2022 she was admitted to Holy Cross Health Center where she spent her final days.

Sister was predeceased by her parents and all of her siblings. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Rest in peace, Estelle.



**Sister Germaine Goyette, CSC
(Sister Rose Germaine)
March 2, 1929 - January 18, 2024**



Sister was born in Manchester, NH, she is predeceased by her parents and her siblings.

Sr. is survived by many nieces and nephews and by a lifetime of friends.

A sister of Holy Cross for 73 years, she entered the Congregation in 1950 and pronounced her final vows in 1957. She earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Notre Dame College in Manchester and two master's degrees, one in Education from the University of Liberal Arts in North Adams, MA and the other in Psycho-Theology from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA.

Sr. Germaine taught and was principal for many years in parochial schools in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire. She also taught English for two years at Notre Dame International School in Rome, Italy and for several years supervised student teachers for Notre Dame College, Southern NH University and Rivier University.

In retirement, she volunteered as an ESL teacher at Holy Cross Learning Center. Sister prepared children to enter the Church through the RCIC at St. Pius X Parish in Manchester and did some tutoring while a resident at Holy Cross Health Center.

Rest in peace, Germaine.

**Sister Françoise Savoie, CSC
(Sr. Mary Pierrette)
August 11, 1943– February 23, 2024**



Sister Françoise, a Sister of Holy Cross for 63 years, was born in Gonic, NH. She left this earthly life, too quickly, on February 23, 2024.

Sister was a foreign missionary in Peru for 34 years and one of the foundresses of the Holy Cross Peruvian Missions. She touched the lives of many people, especially the Aymaran population of Puno and Tacna. She was a survivor of a Peruvian airplane crash in 1988.

Sister Françoise held many administrative positions throughout her lifetime and was also instrumental in the planning and overseeing of many constructions throughout those 34 years including a sewing center, libraries, homes, classrooms, residences for abused women and for college students.

Prior to leaving for Peru she taught school in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. She also served as principal and vice-principal.

Beside her religious family, Sisters of Holy Cross, and her friends she leaves behind her two brothers and their spouses and two sisters and their spouses; and beloved nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Rest in peace, Françoise.

**Sister Mary -Elizabeth Leonard, CSC
(Sr. Mary John Leonard)
May 6, 1935 -March 10, 2024**



Sister Mary -Elizabeth was born in Manchester, NH, She entered the congregation in 1954 and pronounced her final vows 1961.

During her years of ministry, she dedicated her life in service to the poor and needy as well as to exceptional and handicapped children. She served in Connecticut and New Hampshire. She also ministered for several months at L'Arche in France.

Upon completion of her Master's Degree in Special Education, she dedicated herself in social work with handicapped children and their parents.

Throughout her years of generous service, Sister Mary -Elizabeth also did respite care for severely physically disabled children, giving parents and family members much needed rest as well as opportunities to attend family functions. Mary-Elizabeth was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Paul Leonard. She is survived by her sister-in-law Claudette, and nieces and nephews.

Rest in peace, Mary-Elizabeth

**Sister Marguerite Gravel, CSC
(Sr. Alphonse de Naples)
January 31, 1932—March 24, 2024**



Sister Marguerite was born in Springfield, MA. She entered the congregation in 1950 and pronounced her final vows in 1957. Sister earned a BA from Assumption College in Worcester, MA. For several years she taught in parochial schools in Manchester and Nashua, NH, North Grosvenordale, CT, and Attleboro, MA. Sister Marguerite also taught ESL in Bronx, NY, and was later manager of St. Charles Jubilee Senior Center in Brooklyn, NY.

Sister served as a missionary for 10 year in S.E. Alaska (1973-1983) She was one of the foundresses of the Sisters of Holy Cross mission in Lima Peru, she also ministered in Mali, West Africa. Upon returning to Manchester, sister worked at the Hillsboro County Department of Correction for 12 years. She is survived by her sister, Marie Lombardi, from Southport NC . She was predeceased by her parents and brother, Mike Gravel.

Rest in peace, Marguerite.

**Sister Eileen Auger, CSC
(Sr. Eileen Ann)
November 28, 1946 - June 7, 2024**



Sister Eileen Auger, CSC, was born in Manchester on November 28, 1946. She entered the Congregation in 1964 and pronounced her final vows in 1971.

From 1966 to 1983 Sister Eileen taught grades 1 through 3 in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. In 1983, while on a sabbatical at Londonderry House in Londonderry, NH, Sister Eileen began her ministry of Clinical Pastoral Care at Lowell General Hospital. Of that ministry, Sr. Eileen said "caring for the sick, spiritually and emotionally, is at the heart of my ministry.

Working here allows me the fulfillment of who I am as a person, a religious woman and a chaplain".

It was a ministry she lovingly carried out until she retired in 2013; however, she never retired from caring for others.

She is predeceased by her parents.

Surviving family members include her sister, Cecile Brasley; her brother, Dennis and his wife, Elaine. a niece, Elaine and her husband Stephen and a nephew Raymond, many grandnieces and grandnephews and a very dear friend, Doris St.Pierre from Rochester; and many friends at Bedford Greens.

Rest in peace, Eileen

Sr. Louise Auclair, CSC
(Louise of Charity)
February 25, 1941 - May 28, 2024



Sister Louise was born in Somersworth, NH . She entered the Congregation in 1958 and pronounced her final vows in 1965.

Sister Louise began her ministry in 1960 as an elementary and junior high teacher and principal at parochial schools in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

It wasn't long before the community recognized her love for education. Earning her PhD in higher education opened many doors for her. She worked in the graduate and undergraduate divisions at Notre Dame College in Manchester as an instructor. She was an Associate Professor and Dean of the Division of Education .

While at NDC, she participated in a grant writing project that resulted in obtaining a three year grant to develop a program in English as a Second Language.

In 1955 she was named Dean of the Faculty of Education at Regina Assumpta (FERA) Cape-Haitian, Haiti. Her responsibilities included serving as liaison between NDC and FERA; developing , monitoring, and revising curriculum; overseeing the

smooth operation of the program; observing students during their full practicum experience and advising students enrolled in the program. From October 1995 to June 2002, she went to Haiti 23 times.

Rivier University in Nashua and Merrimack College in North Andover, MA benefited from Sister Louise's experience and expertise. One might say that she was an educator par excellence.

Of the many honors and awards received by Sister Louise, perhaps her most treasured one was the Moreau Distinguished Service Professorship, which recognizes the teacher who exemplifies the ideals of Father Moreau (*Founder of the Sisters of Holy Cross*) in her teaching and in association with students and colleagues.

After retiring from higher education, she served as liaison between the Sisters of Holy Cross and Holy Cross Early Childhood Center.

Sister. was predeceased by her parents.

She is survived by three siblings, Sister Therese Auclair, CSC, Adrien Auclair, and Robert Auclair and his wife, Louise, and several nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

Rest in peace, Louise.



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| | Robert Descoteau | Mary Elizabeth Leonard, CSC | |

100th Anniversary

In 2025 we will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. George Manor. More will come in the next

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Mass is celebrated on the 26th of each month for you, our benefactors.

CONSTRUCTION SIGHT



Hallway leading to the apartments.



What will be the bathroom.



The Living room



Bedroom



Part of he bathroom showing shower installed.



Living Room

Thank You Look at what you have made possible by your generous donations! You have helped us to realize the renovation on the first floor of Holy Cross Health Center.

When completed this renovation will provide eight independent apartments for sisters living at large. Each apartment consists of providing a full bath, bedroom 8' by 10' and a living room 11.5' by 10.5'.

The three top pictures show when they began the construction and the three bottom pictures show the progress that has been made. Although there is still much to do to bring this project to completion, each day show signs of progress.



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Memorials

Why Not...

Send a donation to the Development Fund in memory of a loved one who has been called home to God? Put a notice in the paper suggesting that friends of the deceased do the same. Your loved one will be included in the daily prayers of The Sisters of Holy Cross.

Memorial Donations In Memory Of:

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