

Sister Lucille knew exactly where she was going, having graduated from the then-College of Great Falls with a bachelor's degree in 1962. She remembered well the campus built in 1960, a time before computers ruled our world. It was the largest construction project for Great Falls at that time, she has learned since discovering a copy of the memoirs of the architect selected from six firms that submitted bids. "Receiving a copy was just a special treat," she related with obvious delight. "He was summoned to Spokane to be given the job and was given \$3 million for everything, no contingencies and no add ons."



Sr. Lucille also meets with student leaders on campus.



Interim UGF President Lucille Dean, SP, at head of the table, meets with a faculty and staff group, including Sr. Mary Hawkins, second from right.

Sister Mary has taken the lead on the first goal that relates to building community and broadening understanding of the mission, Sister Lucille said. "At the opening convocation she talked about the history and mission of Providence." Members of the campus community were rooted in the mission, no question, and they accepted being part of it, but they had not recently been given sufficient exposure and opportunities to really explore it, Sister Lucille explained. The Providence system person they have become most familiar with is Jack Mudd, senior vice president of mission leadership for Providence Health & Services, who has built many bridges over the years. When a missioning ceremony by the Providence Ministries sponsors was held at the beginning of this school year, it was attended by Provincial Superior Judith Desmarais and Provincial Councilor Jo Ann Showalter and many Providence Health & Services personnel. The event was well received by the university community members who participated.

Sister Lucille had arrived at UGF prepared to undertake the strategic planning process. Instead, she learned that the real immediate task was to follow up an assessment of the campus build, done three years ago. Creation of a campus master plan to address facility and infrastructure needs on the campus was moved to the front burner. Work on that master plan is giving the campus community and an engaged and active board of trustees an opportunity to dialogue and agree on the next steps forward, Sister Lucille said. The campus master plan, plus an operational improvement plan, will give the next president a head start on the strategic planning process.

Having the resources of Providence Health & Services to draw on, including the use of facilitators and professional experts in many fields, has been especially beneficial, she added. There are mutual benefits in combining those resources with the health-related educational programs that are being developed and enhanced on the campus, including the addition of classes leading to a master's degree in health administration. "It is remarkable to me and so fortunate," she explained. "The large system allows expertise, support and help that is very, very beneficial."

Meanwhile, the open position of campus president has drawn more than 70 applicants that were pared down to 10 slated to be brought in for on-campus interviews in March. "There are some outstanding candidates for the position," Sister Lucille said.

President Emeritus Eugene McAllister continues to give leadership to the university's advancement needs.

This search is an important one to allow UGF to continue to grow and prosper. Sister Mary has engaged the search committee in prayer for a successful outcome at each meeting. "We shared the short Providence hymn at one session, and the people there had not heard the prayer put to music. Mary and I did a little duet and they were quite taken with it," Sister Lucille said with a laugh.

They are seeing recognition that what they are doing has meaning at the University of Great Falls and beyond. Sister Mary is working with the Catholic identity committee to study what it means to be a Catholic university. "We want to continue that conversation, leading toward comfort with and spontaneous identification of our identity and what is mission. The few times when the whole campus community comes together has indicated a real readiness to continue to build that dimension.

"God is being very good to us," Sister Lucille said, explaining that the very mild winter so far with very little snow has been a blessing. So has been the embrace of the campus community and beyond. "Neither of us were known or knew people here," she explained. "In many ways, the campus and members of the administration, faculty, staff and the students are at the center of our daily life." There aren't many women religious in Great Falls, but they have dined with the Poor Clare sisters and have visited the nearby Catholic cemetery to visit the graves of Sisters of Providence buried there. They also have become part of Holy Spirit Parish and benefit from the richness of the presence of Jesuit priest Father Tim Valentine, who is a full-time chaplain for the university and teaches theology.

"This is truly a work of Providence that Sister Mary and I could help fill, to help the University of Great Falls prepare for the next step," Sister Lucille said. "There is truly a wonderful future here." ●

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Mary Ann Meyer, SP (Sister Rosalia)

Sister Mary Ann Meyer, age 90, a Sister of Providence for 71 years, died November 16, 2015, at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle.



Mary Ann was born December 9, 1924, to Joseph Meyer and Rosalia Wagener. The youngest of four children, she grew up on the farm in Washougal, Wash., where she went to grade school. In the eighth grade she was invited to attend Providence Academy in Vancouver, Wash., and graduated in 1943. In July she entered the Sisters of Providence in Seattle and subsequently became a novice on January 18, 1944. She professed first vows on July 19, 1945, when she received the name Sister Rosalia, and final vows on July 19, 1949.

In 1955 Sister Mary Ann received a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from the College (now University) of Great Falls (MT), and in 1967 a Master of Arts degree in education from University of Portland (OR). In 1971 she was inducted into Alpha Delta Kappa, an honorary sorority for women educators, and was chosen president-elect in 1976 by the local Alpha Rho Chapter.

From 1946 to 1963, Sister Mary Ann taught in Sisters of Providence schools in Washington: in Yakima, St. Joseph Academy/Grade School; in Olympia, at St. Michael School; in Walla Walla, at St. Vincent Academy; in Moxee, at Holy Rosary School; in Vancouver, at Providence Academy; and in Seattle, at Holy Family School. She also taught in Sun Valley, Calif., at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary School.

From 1963 to 1995, she held several administration positions, including as elementary supervisor for the former Sacred Heart Province and for sister students at Providence Heights College of Sister Formation, Issaquah, Wash. She served as Title 1 project director for the Issaquah Public School District, religious education director for St. Anthony Parish, Renton, Wash.; pastoral associate for St. Mary Parish, Aberdeen, Wash.; and as a volunteer at St. Michael Parish, Olympia.

In June 1995 she retired in Olympia, where she enjoyed walking, reading, socializing and spending time with family. She moved to St. Joseph Residence, Seattle, in March 2008.

Sister Mary Ann is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Irma Munch and brothers Leo and Louis. She is survived by several nieces, nephews, and numerous great nieces and great-great nieces and nephews.

Vigil service was held December 2 and the Funeral Mass was celebrated December 3, both at St. Joseph Residence. Burial was at Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Vancouver, Wash. Bonney-Watson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. ●

Joan O'Brien, SP (Sister James Albert)

Sister Joan O'Brien, age 94, a Sister of Providence for 74 years, died January 15 at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle.

Joan O'Brien was born June 20, 1921, to James Albert O'Brien and Bernadette Lamontagne in L'Assomption, Quebec, Canada. She was given the name in baptism of Marie Jeanne d'Arc, and was the ninth of 11 children in an Irish and French-Canadian family. At age 8, when her mother died, she and her younger sister lived in a Sisters of Providence orphanage.

She entered the Sisters of Providence in Montreal, Quebec, on July 17, 1940, and subsequently became a novice on January 18, 1941. On July 19, 1942, she professed first vows and received the name Sister James Albert. Shortly afterwards, she came to Seattle. On July 19, 1945, she professed final vows.

In 1942 Sister Joan first served as a companion in the infirmary at Mount St. Vincent, Seattle, and from 1943 to 1945 she worked as a cook at St. Catherine School, Seattle, and St. Michael School, Olympia. In 1951 Sister Joan received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Seattle University. She was the nursing supervisor at various hospitals from 1951 to 1969; in Oregon: Medford - Providence Medical Center (Sacred Heart Hospital); Portland - St. Vincent Medical Center; and in Washington: Vancouver - St. Joseph Hospital; Everett - Providence Hospital; Olympia - St. Peter Hospital; and Seattle - Providence Medical Center.



From 1970 to 1994, Sister Joan served as a spiritual coordinator and provided pastoral care in several Providence hospitals. She helped form the Pastoral Care Department at Providence Hospital, Seattle, and served in the department for 13 years. She began volunteer ministry at Vincent House, Seattle, and was a staff member for 3½ years. Then she continued her pastoral visiting at Vincent House and also did the same at St. Joseph Residence. During these years she received certification from the Pastoral Institute for Chaplains, Washington, D.C., and participated in the CREDO sabbatical program at Gonzaga University, Spokane. In July 1974 Sister Joan was honored and named Employee of the Year by Providence Seattle Medical Center.

When she retired in May 1994 at St. Joseph Residence, she continued her spiritual and pastoral care to all while enjoying and sharing time with the sisters, taking walks, knitting, crocheting and listening to music.

Sister Joan is preceded in death by her parents and siblings. She is survived by her grandniece, Marie Carriere, Brossard, Quebec, Canada.

Vigil Service was held January 25 and the Funeral Mass was celebrated on January 26, both at St. Joseph Residence. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Seattle, following the Mass and reception. Bonney-Watson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. ●

Naomi Hurd, SP (Sister Naomi)

Sister Naomi Hurd, age 93, a Sister of Providence for 73 years, died January 15 at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle.

Naomi Hurd, the youngest of five children, was born August 14, 1922, to Nicholas Koetz and Mary Ann McLaughlin in Cle Elum, Wash. The family then moved to Toppenish and finally to Yakima, where she attended St. Joseph Academy.

On July 17, 1941, she entered the Sisters of Providence in Seattle and subsequently became a novice on January 18, 1942. She professed first vows on July 19, 1943, when she received the name Sister Naomi. On July 19, 1946, she professed final vows.

In 1943 Sister Naomi began her education ministry as a primary school teacher. She taught at several Sisters of



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Providence schools in Washington: Sacred Heart School, Tacoma, Holy Family School, Seattle, St. Joseph Academy, Yakima, St. Vincent Academy, Walla Walla, and St. Michael School, Olympia; in California: at St. Finbar School, Burbank; and at Maryville Academy, Des Plaines, Ill. She also taught at John F. Kennedy High School, a diocesan high school in Burien, Wash.

Sister Naomi received several college degrees: in 1952, a Bachelor of Arts in education, College of Great Falls (MT); from the University of Portland (OR), two Master of Arts degrees, one in 1963 in theology, and one in 1969 in library science.

From 1973 to 1998, Sister Naomi served as a librarian, at Desales High School, Walla Walla, Wash., and at Providence High School, Burbank. She then became director of the Health Sciences Library at St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, a position she held for 20 years.

When she retired in April 1998 at St. Joseph Residence, she enjoyed having time for reading, walking, exercising and listening to classical music.

Sister Naomi is preceded in death by her parents and siblings and survived by her nieces.

Vigil Service was held January 25 and the Funeral Mass was celebrated on January 26, both at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Seattle, following the Mass and reception. Bonney-Watson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. ●

Julie Ziocchi, SP (Sister Mary Hiltrude)

Sister Julie Ziocchi, age 86, a Sister of Providence for 67 years, died January 20 at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle.

Julia Ziocchi was born August 5, 1929, to Frank Ziocchi and Louisa Catone in Melrose Park, Ill. She was the fifth youngest of 13 children from an Italian family and was given the name of Julia Ziocchi in baptism. At age 8, when her mother died, she and her six youngest siblings were entrusted to the



care of the Sisters of Providence at Maryville Academy in Des Plaines, Ill.

She entered the Sisters of Providence in November 1947 at Mount St. Vincent, Seattle, and then became a novice on May 18, 1948. On November 19, 1949, she professed first vows and received the name Sister Mary Hiltrude, and on November 19, 1952, she professed final vows.

In 1949 Sister Julie began her ministry as an elementary teacher at St. Joseph Academy in Yakima, Wash. From 1951 to 1965 she taught in Washington at Holy Rosary School, Moxee; in California at St. Finbar School, Burbank; and in Alaska at Immaculate Conception School, Fairbanks. Upon returning to St. Finbar she taught, and then in 1965 she became principal, serving in that role until 1969. While in Alaska, she also developed the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) program at the military base in Fairbanks, and also in Anchorage, Homer and Seward.

Sister Julie received a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from the College of Great Falls (MT) and graduated with a Master of Arts degree in religious studies in 1971 from Mundelein College, Chicago, Ill. From 1971 to 1976 she was an elementary consultant for the Archdiocese of Portland, and then was director of religious education at parishes in Corvallis and Albany, Ore. She also spent one year as coordinator of the Division of Religious Studies and Programs at Maryhurst College, Lake Oswego, Ore.

From 1977 to 1985, Sister Julie held several positions at Providence Child Center's Montessori and Emilie schools, Portland, Ore., as receptionist, secretary and assistant principal. In July 1986 she became director of pastoral care at Providence Milwaukie Hospital, while also attending the Clinical Pastoral Education program at Emmanuel Hospital in Portland. In 1994 she was in a sabbatical renewal program on Spirituality of Aging, in Atchison, Kan. She retired in 1995 and began a volunteer ministry. In 1996 she served as an educational consultant at St. Elisabeth Elementary School in Van Nuys, Calif., and from 2001 to 2005 she was a volunteer at Providence Child Care Center in Portland and served as a board member on the Providence Child Care Foundation. In August 2010 she was the honored recipient of the Outstanding Community Inspiration Award from the Providence Milwaukie Foundation.

In May 2011, Sister Julie moved to St. Joseph Residence, Seattle, where she enjoyed listening to classical music/operas/ballets, doing puzzles, knitting and crocheting, all while being an avid

sports fan and sharing cherished time with the sisters, her family and friends.

Sister Julie is preceded in death by her parents and some of her siblings. She is survived by her sisters Carmen Mazzullo, McHenry, Ill.; Patricia Jankowski (Eugene), Hoffman Estates, Ill.; and Joann Reusch (Walter), Carpentersville, Ill.

Vigil Service was held January 29 and the Funeral Mass was celebrated January 30, both at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Seattle, following the Mass and reception. Bonney-Watson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. ●

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