

Statue repair at Riverfront Park

Two statues along the Centennial Trail in Riverfront Park, including one of a sister who calls to mind Mother Joseph, have been restored to their original condition by Bouten Construction. Artist Ken Spiering was commissioned in 1986 to create the bronze sculptures, titled "The Call and the Challenge," in recognition of the centennial of Sacred Heart Medical Center. They are located behind the Ag Trade Center and are part of the Sculpture Walk along the south bank of the Spokane River from Division Street to Post Street. ●



Community celebrates with graduate

A host of Sisters of Providence, Providence Associates and friends turned out to celebrate the graduation of Sister Lang Tran from Spokane Falls Community College in June. Sister Lang received an A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education. Following the outdoor ceremony, a graduation party was held at the novitiate house. She is pictured here with Sister Gabrielle Nguyen, CMR (left) and Sister Catherine Chan, SP, of Holy Angels Province. ●



SP windows find a new home

"Christ Healing the Sick," an 80-year-old stained glass window from the main chapel of the former Providence Seattle Medical Center, has found a new home in the lobby of the new emergency department at Providence Medford (Ore.) Medical Center. "That image of Jesus reaching out to touch a sick child really gets across the whole mission of the Sisters of Providence – reaching out to people who are hurting," says the Rev. Jim Clifford, director of mission, ethics and spiritual care.

The window was a gift of the medical staff to Mother Vincent Ferrier on the occasion of her golden Jubilee. When the Seattle medical center was sold in 2002, the windows were offered to other Providence Health System facilities. Providence Medford chose this window and another titled "Ascension of Our Lord," which was a gift of Rev. William Fisser, hospital chaplain, in memory of his parents, John P. and Gertrude Fisser. ●



Stained glass window is put into place at Providence Medford Medical Center.

Photo courtesy of Roy Musitelli/Medford Mail Tribune



Sister Jessica renews vows

In a morning prayer ritual during the Province Gathering Days in August, Sister Jessica Taylor (left) renewed her temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience for another two years. Her vows were received by Provincial/Leadership Team Coordinator Margaret Botch. Sister Jessica, who has been serving in ministry in the Philippines for the past 11 months as a sign language interpreter for the deaf, signed the song, "No Branch Grows Alone," while the congregation sang along.

Look for a story on Sister Jessica's foreign mission experience in a future issue of *Caritas*. ●

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Rest in Peace

Sister Lucille Tremblay, SP

(Sister Rose Lucille)

Sister Lucille Tremblay, age 87, died July 26 at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle. She had been a Sister of Providence for 65 years.

The youngest of three children, she was born April 19, 1918, in St. Chrysostome, Quebec, Canada, to Napoleon and Rose (Patenaude) Tremblay. She entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Providence in Montreal in 1940. Sister Lucille professed first vows in 1941 and final vows in 1944.

She received her bachelor of science degree from Seattle University in 1951 and completed a dietary internship and advanced studies at St. Louis University, 1951-52.

Sister Lucille served as a hospital dietitian for more than 32 years. She worked at Providence Seattle Medical Center as a seamstress from 1941 to 1942. She worked at the following institutions in dietary: Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, Portland (1942-43), Ozanam Nursing Home, Tacoma (1943-44), St. Catherine School, Seattle (1944-46), St. Vincent Academy, Walla Walla (1947), St. Luke Infirmary, Centralia (1947-48), St. Mary Hospital, Walla Walla (1952-54), Providence Seattle Medical Center (1954-59), and Providence Medford (Ore.) Medical Center (1959-79). She also worked as a seamstress at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle (1979-81), and as a microfilm technician at Providence Medford Medical Center (1981-84).

Sister Lucille retired to St. Joseph Residence in 1984. She enjoyed doing volunteer work sewing and found it a joy and

a privilege to work for the retired sisters, "...who have laid the foundation of our institutions, with their hard work and sacrifices ..."

She carried her CHARISMA (smile) wherever she went. Sister Lucille was fascinated with butterflies because of their freedom, their beauty, and their representation of "The Resurrection."

Survivors include her step-sister Pauline Valiquette, nieces Michelle Valiquette, Rollande Sorel and Claire Tremblay, and nephew Gabriel Chenail, all of Canada.

Vigil service was held July 28 and Funeral Mass was celebrated July 29, both at St. Joseph Residence, followed by burial at Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Bonney Watson Funeral Home, Seattle.

Donations in memory of Sister Lucille to support the ministries of the Sisters of Providence may be sent to: Sisters of Providence, Office of Development, 9 East Ninth Avenue, Spokane, WA 99202-1209. ●

Alexis Greshom, PA

Alexis Greshom, PA, died July 21, at the age of 63, after a three-year struggle with cancer. She had been a Providence Associate since 1998 and often joined the Sisters of Providence for feast days, holidays and other celebrations. Sister Jeanette Heindl, who sponsored Alexis as a Providence Associate, said, "She certainly has always lived our charism and had a heart for the poor and those most in need."

Alexis was born April 1, 1942, in Baltimore, Md. Her mother died when Alexis was very young, so she was raised by an aunt and uncle whose own children were grown. After high school, she graduated from a nursing program and became a licensed practical nurse. Shortly after, she went with a group from an evangelical church to work in a mission hospital in an impoverished area



of New Mexico, where she worked with Native American children.

She moved to Portland in the early 1980s and was a nurse at Providence Child Center. Later she worked in its Esther Kelley Program for special needs children. She became interested in the Catholic faith and made her profession of faith during Easter Vigil in the mid 1980s with her nursing co-worker, Sister Jeanette, as her sponsor and godmother.

Alexis went to Honduras on a short medical relief mission and later to Sudan for famine relief. She served in various ministries and jobs throughout the years, including at Bethlehem Farm in Chehalis, Wash., at The Grotto, and at Loyola Retreat House in Portland. She went to Oakland for a creation spirituality class and later completed four quarters of pastoral care training at Providence Portland and Veterans Hospital. Following that, she worked as house manager at the Ronald McDonald House at Emanuel Hospital in Portland. Her final ministry was at Mount St. Joseph Care Center in Portland, where she began as chaplain and then added mission director to her role.

A memorial service was held at Mount St. Joseph Care Center, Portland, on August 3. Zellers Funeral Home handled the arrangements. ●

Sister Louisa Hageman, SP

(Sister Barbara Clare)

Sister Louisa Hageman died August 2 at Mount St. Joseph, Spokane, at the age of 101. She had been a Sister of Providence for 75 years.



Born July 7, 1904, in Chewelah to Christian and Clara (Vogt) Hageman, she spoke lovingly of her childhood. Her parents and grandparents came to the Washington Territory in 1885 from the State of Illinois, settling in Uniontown, Wash. Her parents met there and married in Chewelah in 1890. She attended public school in the Chewelah area and said that under her mother's supervision,

household duties were well emphasized, but then came piano, club activities and crafts, which she said brought hours of happiness. Her family spent wonderful times swimming, mountain stream fishing, playing ball and going on picnics with grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins. "I also knew what it was to have loving brothers and sisters as constant companions and the protection of parents at all times," she said.

Her family attended Holy Rosary Church in Chewelah and said the rosary when they were unable to attend Mass. "My first experience in seeing religious women was at the age of 10. They didn't impress me. In fact, I told my family that I would never be like them when I grew up. When I became a religious, my family did not forget to remind me of my earlier threats. They even said that I added an extra 'Hail Mary' to my evening prayers, asking God to never make me a sister. As I look back, I can never remember when I didn't ask God for the necessary graces for salvation to do His Holy Will."

After attending Kinman Business College, she worked in offices, a grocery store and a stock and bond company. She also went to night classes at Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane.

When the family moved to Spokane, Sister Louisa became acquainted with the Sisters of Providence and their works. She entered the novitiate in Seattle in 1930 and professed first vows in 1932 and final vows in 1935. She finished high school at Sacred Heart Academy in Missoula after being tutored by Sister Mary Lawrence Murray and Sister Mary Dorothy Sullivan.

She graduated from Kinman Business College in 1925, earned a bachelor's degree in medical technology from Gonzaga University in 1943 and a CPE certificate from St. Joseph Hospital, Denver, in pastoral care in 1974. She served as president of the Montana Society of Medical Technology and

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kathryn "Kit" Harter, former faculty member at Providence High School (1967-73), died in March in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Louise Kohles Dzendzel, sister of Therese Kohles, SP, died June 8 in Auburn, Calif.

Jean Hull, sister-in-law of Marleen Hull, SP, died June 9 in Chester, Mont.

Gloria Hanlon, a former Sister of Providence (Sister Aloysius), died June 17 in Edwall, Wash.

Hazel Ronald, sister of Rita Bergamini, SP, died June 21 in Rio Vista, Calif.

Ransom William Latour, brother of Mary Butler, PA, died June 23 in Providence, RI.

Gerald Scott, son of Kathleen Scott, PA, and Harry Scott, died July 8 in Yakima, Wash.

Jessica Venson, granddaughter of Janet Steele, PA, died July 19 in Renton, Wash.

Nancy Troncoso de Orellana, sister of Silvia Troncoso, SP, died August 5 in Santiago, Chile.

Ed Ruzicka, son of Charles and Mary Ruzicka, PA, died August 22 in Cheyenne, Wyo.

also availed herself of several post-graduate programs and courses around the country.

Sister Louisa supervised medical technologists in hospital labs for 28 years in Great Falls, Missoula, Colfax and Spokane. She was administrator and superior of Mount St. Joseph, Spokane, from 1968 to 1974.

Sister Louisa's ministry assignments included: Sacred Heart Hospital (now Sacred Heart Medical Center), Spokane, in office work (1932), laboratory supervisor (1944-45), dean of women (1963-68), and pastoral care (1974-93). She also served in nursing at Holy Family Hospital, St. Ignatius, Mont. (1932-33), laboratory work at Columbus Hospital (now Benefis Healthcare), Great Falls (1937-41), laboratory supervisor at St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula (1945-57), and lab and x-ray at St. Ignatius Hospital (now Whitman Hospital), Colfax (1957-61).

She retired at Providence Convent, Spokane, in 1993 and moved to Mount St. Joseph in 1996.

She shared that she enjoyed all of the areas of ministry in which she had served. She also loved to sew, knit, crochet and especially visit the poor.

She is survived by her sisters-in-law, Vera Hageman and Helen Hageman, both of Chewelah, her niece Frances Douvia, Spokane, nephews James Kester, Spokane, Martin Kester, North Bend, Wash., and Chris Hageman, Aberdeen, Wash., and numerous cousins and friends, including Msgr. John Steiner, who was the celebrant at her Funeral Mass on August 5 at Mount St. Joseph. Vigil Service was held the previous day. Arrangements were handled by Hennessey-Smith Funeral Home.

Donations in memory of Sister Louisa Hageman to support the ministries of the Sisters of Providence may be sent to: Sisters of Providence, Office of Development, 9 East Ninth Avenue, Spokane, Wash. 99202-1209. ●



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Sisters fight trafficking of human beings through UNANIMA

Did you know ...trafficking of women and children for sexual purposes is the third-largest criminal activity in the world ?

The United States is one of the prime destinations. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) estimates that 50,000 to 100,000 women are trafficked to the United States each year, resulting in as many as 750,000 in the last decade. UNICEF estimates there are 90,000 to 300,000 prostituted minors in this country. ●

Sisters of Providence, through its Centre for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation, has joined 11 other congregations of women religious and their partners in mission on all the world's continents in a coalition called UNANIMA International. Councillor General Judith Desmarais, SP, the center's interim director, is the SP representative on the UNANIMA International board of directors. Sister Judith, in a Province Gathering Days presentation in August, said the major focus for 2005-07 of this non-government organization (NGO) working through the United Nations is the trafficking of women and children worldwide.



What is trafficking?

The U.N. Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, offers a definition:

"Trafficking in persons" shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.

Exploitation shall include, at the minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others, or other forms of sexual

exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs..."

Who are the victims of trafficking?

Women and children are targeted, from babies to women in their 70s. Those preyed upon are poor, powerless, uneducated or illiterate, ethnic minorities, immigrants or refugees, and ripe for exploitation as runaways or because of their need to provide financial support for families. They are lured by the promise of higher incomes, improved economic circumstances or safety, or perhaps kidnapped outright. But victims of trafficking unwittingly find themselves in a kind of modern-day slavery in which physical and sexual abuse is common and exploitative work is performed in deplorable conditions.

Not just the sex trade flourishes under trafficking. This exploitation also is linked to sweatshops, child labor, the adult entertainment industry, illegal adoptions, organ transplants, forced marriages, mail-order brides, domestic work, forced labor, drug trafficking and begging.

What can you do?

Become aware and network with others.

The United Nations is calling upon countries to take or strengthen legislative measures to discourage the demand that fosters all forms of exploitation of women and children.

Information is available in many places, including the following websites:

United Nations --
www.un.org/womenwatch

Anti-Slavery International --
www.antislavery.org

Coalition Against Trafficking in Women --
www.catwinternational.org ●



▲ Charlotte Van Dyke, SP, provincial councillor for mission outreach and a member of the Leadership Team for Mother Joseph Province (standing), was an invited guest at a UNANIMA meeting in January. Sister Charlotte, formerly a practicing attorney in Seattle, shared her experiences with trafficking in handling family law and domestic violence cases. She also provided information about the province's shelters for women in transition and their children which might be able to provide service to trafficking victims.