

Sisters of Providence. She joined her sister, Rose, who was in the Sisters of Providence novitiate at that time in Seattle. Sister Philomena graduated from high school at Providence Academy, Vancouver, Wash.

Sister Philomena entered the Sisters of Providence novitiate in 1950, professed her first vows on July 19, 1951, and professed final vows on July 19, 1954.

She took classes at the College of Great Falls, Mont., (now the University of Great Falls) 1949-50; Central Washington State College, Ellensburg, Wash., summer 1965; and Seattle University, (1953). She received a bachelor of science degree from the College of Great Falls in 1971.

She was a teacher at various Sisters of Providence schools in Washington, California and Alaska for 25 years.

Her ministry assignments at St. Joseph Medical Center, Burbank, Calif., included: Information Center (1975-79); Director, Communications (1980-81); Supervisor, Information Center (1982-83); Supervisor, Information Center, and Sister Representative (1984-87); Pastoral Care Associate and Sacristan (1987-1990); and Pastoral Care Team, Hospice Program (1990-95).

Sister Philomena also served as the Sisters of Providence representative to the Administrative Council at St. Joseph Medical Center, Burbank, for several terms.

She began her retirement in 1996 and moved to St. Joseph Residence in Seattle, where she served as a member of the administrative team for several years in the area of hospitality. Sister Philomena always was willing to help and was very kind, considerate, and welcoming to everyone.

Vigil Service was held August 22 at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle, followed by the Funeral Mass on August 23. Bonney-Watson Funeral Home, Seattle, was in charge of the arrangements.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings. She is survived by her sisters, Rose Byrne, SP, Burbank, and Anne McGuire, and many nieces and nephews in Ireland and England. ●

Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Sister Carolyn, Sister Mary and Sister Philomena to the Sisters of Providence Retirement Fund, 1801 Lind Avenue SW, #9016, Renton, WA 98057-9016.

Mary K. (Spies) Rose, PA

Mary K. Spies Rose, PA, died May 30 in Spokane. She had been a Providence Associate since September 1994.

She was born September 5, 1936, in Eugene, Ore., to Oliver and Rose (Von Arx) Spies. Mary moved to Spokane in 1948, when her father went to work for The Spokesman Review. She attended St. Aloysius grade school and graduated from Holy Names Academy in 1954. She graduated from Sacred Heart School of Nursing in 1957.

Mary married James Mertens in 1957 and they had six children. She married Frank Rose in 1991.

After Mary retired from nursing she enjoyed volunteering at The House of Charity and the Downtown Women's Shelter. She was an active member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and as a Providence Associate won a drawing for a trip to Rome for the beatification of Sisters of Providence foundress Blessed Emilie Gamelin in 2001. She loved music and played the piano and the Hammond organ. She sang in the choirs at both St. Aloysius and St. Francis of Assisi parishes.

Mary was preceded in death by her son Joseph Mertens and her parents. Survivors include her husband Frank Rose of Spokane; children, Martin (Jonna) Mertens of Tacoma, Wash., Kevin (Laura)

Mertens of Rainier, Wash., Mary K. (Dean) Geiselman of Federal Way, Wash., Paula (Tom) Crowley of Spokane, Master Sgt. John Mertens, currently of Spokane; brothers James Spies of Spokane, Ray Spies of Spokane, and Randy (Maura) Spies of Mead, Wash.; sisters Rose Marie Hillyard of Spokane and Teresa (Jim) Dempewolf of Modesto, Calif.; stepson Michael (Terry) Rose of San Francisco; stepdaughters Kathleen (Frank) Wood of Federal Way, and Marjorie (Mel) Derr of Rome, N.Y.; 20 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary Service was held June 4 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, followed by Mass of Christian Burial. Riplinger Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to a favorite charity. ●



Thelma Carter, PA

Thelma Lorraine Carter, PA, died July 22 at Regency at The Park in College Park, Wash. She was 85 years old and had been a Providence Associate for 19 years.

A longtime Walla Walla resident, she was born April 19, 1925, in Genesee, Idaho, to William and Ina Stackpole. She attended schools in Lewiston, Idaho, and prior to her senior year her family moved to Walla Walla. She graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1943.

Thelma joined the Catholic Church as a teenager and gave of herself and her time in many ways, including as a Providence Associate. She attended nursing school and became an LPN, working primarily at St. Mary's Hospital and the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Walla Walla. Following a back injury she retired from nursing and pursued her love of art through painting, carving, sewing and operating a small framing business.

Thelma and her husband, David G.B. Smith, were married 23 years at St. Patrick's Church and they raised eight children. After his death she married Terry O. Carter, who helped rear her five youngest children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, her husbands and one infant son. Survivors include a sister Fern (Richard) Lane of LaConner, Wash.; eight children, Mary-Margaret (Don) McCoy, Catherine M. (Michael) Spanish, Anne E. (David) Hull, all of Walla Walla; Sara J. (Brian) Sept of Plymouth, Wash.; and David G. Smith, J. Michael Smith, Robert E. Smith and Mark J. Smith, all of Walla Walla. She also was blessed with 20 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren, three nieces and two nephews.

Rosary was recited July 29 at Herring Groseclose Funeral Home. Funeral Mass was celebrated July 30 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, followed by burial at Mountain View Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Sisters of Providence or to Walla Walla Community Hospice through Herring Funeral Home. ●



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Hinds, sister of Eileen Croghan, SP, died June 1 in Sparks, Nev.

Gene Kemper, husband of Marie Kemper, PA, died June 1 in Vancouver, Wash.

Mary Glass, daughter-in-law of Eunice Glass, PA, died June 4 in West Richland, Wash.

Shirlee De Moss, daughter of Kathy Scott, PA, died June 4 in Yakima, Wash.

Leonie Pehan, sister of Dorothy Zimmer, SP, died June 19 in Billings, Mont.

Patricia Mayer, sister of Margaret Kelly, SP, died June 21 in Seattle, Wash.

Jean Manning, mother of Scott Manning, PA, died July 8 in Port Angeles, Wash.

Michael Koreski, brother of Carolyn Koreski, SP, died August 18 in Grandview, Wash.

Brad Buchanan, brother-in-law of Margaret Botch, SP, died September 1 in Polson, Mont.

Briefs

Sisters of Providence present Mother Joseph statues to Providence executives

The Sisters of Providence presented miniature bronze statues of Mother Joseph to two Providence executives in June and July. The presentation to Mike Wilson, who retired in April 2009 as chief executive officer of Sacred Heart Medical Center and Holy Family Hospital, was made in Spokane on June 16 by Sisters Margaret Botch, Annette Seubert and Rosalie Locati. Russ Danielson, who will retire December 31 as senior vice president and chief executive of Providence's Oregon Region, received the statue of the foundress of the Sisters of Providence in the West from Provincial Superior Karin Dufault and Provincial Councilors Judith Desmarais and Maureen Newman on July 12 in Portland.

Only 100 of the miniature statues were cast by Felix W. de Weldon, who created the statue of Mother Joseph that has been housed in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol since 1980. Mother Joseph is kneeling beside tools she used to make architectural drawings for construction of hospitals and schools in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and southern British Columbia.

The statues are presented "in honor of significant accomplishments and/or contributions to the Sisters of Providence." Selection factors may include tenure of service, quality of service, furtherance of the mission of Providence, etc.

Mike's wife Carol also attended the lunch at Clinkerdagger's restaurant in Spokane where his presentation was made.

Wilson was a Providence executive for 27 years, beginning with six years as president of Holy Family Hospital. He then took



Mother Joseph

over leadership of the Heart Institute of Spokane at Sacred Heart Medical Center. Since 1991 he has held a number of executive positions at Sacred Heart, including chief operating officer, president, and ultimately chief executive of both Sacred Heart and Holy Family.

In presenting the statue, former Provincial Superior Margaret Botch praised Wilson's contribution to the mission of Providence, "particularly at Sacred Heart Medical Center where you oversaw major expansion like the Surgery Center and Women's Health Center, and the creation of Sacred Heart Children's Hospital and

- even more - assuring needed services, like psychiatry and emergency care for patients who are uninsured and have no ability pay." She also acknowledged Wilson's crucial role in development of the region's largest health care collaboration, Inland Northwest Health Services, and advancements in research, robotic surgery and transplant services; his contributions to the community which earned the respect colleagues who elected him president of the Wash-

ington State Hospital Association, "and especially through your warm and kind way of being a friend to so many."

Russ joined Providence in March 1985 and has led significant growth in programs and services, first at Providence Portland Medical Center and then throughout the Oregon Region.

"When the Leadership Team of Mother Joseph Province decided to give you this statue we saw her spirit and character in you, and we wanted to honor your contribution to the Sisters of Providence and the Providence mission given in the spirit of Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart," Sister Karin told Russ. "Your contribution to the mission of Providence, particularly in Oregon, but also throughout Providence Health System and since 2005 throughout Providence Health & Services, has been significant.

"You have strongly supported clinical and service excellence and diversity initiatives, as well as expansion of community benefit and outreach services, community partnerships and ministry leadership," Sister Karin said. She also praised his community contributions, his professional and personal qualities that have made him an asset to many not-for-profit boards and committees, and the respect and admiration he has earned from colleagues statewide.

"You have been a great friend of the Sisters of Providence during your

leadership, keeping them informed and included in every way, which has been gratefully appreciated," she said. The sisters also sent a basket of flowers to Russ' wife Terry, in appreciation of the role she has played in supporting his work. ●



Russ Danielson

Coming to the West!

Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America, the traveling exhibit created by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) has secured two venues in the West. The exhibit is slated for June 19 to August 14, 2011, at Mount St. Mary College in Los Angeles, and for January 24 to June 3, 2012, at the California Museum of History, Women & the Arts, in Sacramento, Calif.

The Sisters of Providence, Mother Joseph Province, are well represented in the exhibit through artifacts, photographs and film loaned from the Providence Archives.



LCWR has initiated a project to produce a full-length documentary on the contributions of Catholic sisters to the history and culture of the United States. The DVD will include the documentary and bonus features that could include an online exhibit catalog, as well as videos that are part of the exhibit.

For more information about the exhibit, go to www.womenandspirit.org. ●

Sister is interim principal at Providence High School



Sister Mary Hawkins, former vice principal at Providence High School in Burbank, Calif., returned there this summer to serve as principal following the resignation of Principal Michele Schulte. Sister Mary

is serving while the school's board of trustees conducts a search for a new principal, and then will return to Seattle. Sister Renate Hayum also returned to the high school to act as Sister Mary's assistant and secretary. ●



Mike Wilson is joined by (from left) Srs. Rosalie Locati, Margaret Botch and Annette Seubert.

Lectureship honors sister's work in palliative care field

Provincial Superior Karin Dufault's contributions advancing the quality and reach of palliative care are being recognized with a lectureship named in her honor.



The inaugural Sr. Karin Dufault Lectureship in Palliative Care will fund one of the keynote speeches at the Recovering Our Traditions congress on palliative care. The meeting will be held October 28-30 in St. Louis and is presented by the Supportive Care Coalition: Pursuing Excellence in Palliative Care.

Sister Karin was executive director of the group of 20 Catholic health organizations from October 2005 to December 2009, until she left to assume the role of provincial superior of Mother Joseph Province. The Supportive Care Coalition has its office at Providence Portland Medical Center. The Oregon Region of Providence Health & Services made the initial contribution to the lectureship, followed by other systems in the coalition. ●

Providence Archives launches digital database

Providence Archives has launched a new online digital collection database that hosts thousands of historic photographs documenting the Sisters of Providence and their ministries, along with images of many artifacts. The general public may browse through any of the nearly 80 collections available or perform advanced searches from any computer with Internet access. The database can be accessed online at providencearchives.contentdm.oclc.org.

"It's an exciting development and one that I have been working on for years," said Peter Schmid, Providence visual resources archivist. "Until now, Providence Archives has used a database that was accessible only to archives staff." The database contains nearly 10,000 items, which is only a fraction of the tens of thousands of items in the archives, but it will grow over time as archives staffers Emily Dominick and Pam Hedquist catalog artifacts and add them to the database. If you have questions about the database, Peter can be reached at peter.schmid@providence.org. ●



You have arrived

A new sign welcomes visitors to the Provincial Administration offices of the Sisters of Providence in Renton. It is in the parking lot near the front entrance of the Providence Health & Services complex. Visitors are welcome. ●

Missioning Ritual

The Provincial Superior and Council have begun a practice of having a prayer and missioning ritual for sending forth sisters when they are beginning or changing ministries. Recently missioned sisters are:

Deling Fernando, SP - to parish ministry in St. Cloud, Fla., July 26

Jessica Taylor, SP - to full-time studies at Seattle University, July 29

Margarita Hernandez, SP - to Hispanic ministry for the Archdiocese of Seattle and studies in English and faith formation, August 15

Joan Gallagher, SP - to vocation director, August 17

Kaye Belcher, SP - to assistant superior at St. Joseph Residence, August 17 ●

Women's Hearth bids farewell to longtime director

Mary Rathert, OP, said goodbye after 12 years of service as program director at the Women's Hearth, Spokane, at a farewell event in her honor in July.

The Women's Hearth is part of the intercommunity ministry Transitions, which is sponsored by the Sisters of Providence, Sinsinawa Dominicans, Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, and the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia.

Here's what the Transitions newsletter had to say about Sister Mary:

Mary will leave behind an impressive legacy of care and support for local women at the Hearth. With determination, heart, and soul, Mary has navigated the Hearth through tremendous growth. What began as the Drop in Center in a small, dark rented space on Howard Street is now our own beautiful and bright Day Center on Second Avenue where local low-income and homeless women are provided more than 100 different services, classes and activities each month by a staff of highly trained professionals and volunteers.

Mary has been a champion for these women. More than 125 may come through the doors of the Hearth on any given day. Each one can expect to be welcomed with respect and dignity to a place where she is accepted for who she is, and into a community designed to allow for her personal growth and wholeness. A fierce advocate for justice and protection for women, Mary has been an inspiration within the Transitions community and within the Spokane Community. We will miss her very much.

Sister Mary is taking a sabbatical before heading to Africa in February. The new program director at Women's Hearth is Edie Rice-Sauer, whose years of experience include as development director at Volunteers of America, as director of a domestic violence shelter for women, and as a mental health planner for Spokane County. ●

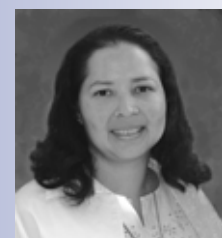


Sisters in formation renew vows

Two sisters in initial formation recently renewed their temporary vows for two years. Sister Jessica Taylor renewed her vows on July 29 in Seattle and Sister Margarita Hernandez renewed hers on August 15 in Spokane. Please join us in praying for and supporting these sisters as they continue their Providence journey and live their commitments as vowed religious. ●



Jessica Taylor, SP



Margarita Hernandez, SP

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Providence ElderPlace writer finds inspiration in Mother Joseph



Ginny Foster

“For many years, I wrote poems and plays,”

Providence ElderPlace Glendoveer resident Ginny Foster said. “But when I came here 2 ½ years ago with a terminal diagnosis of stage 4 metastatic breast cancer, I didn’t think I’d be writing again.” That was before she was encouraged by Brooke Meyer, Glendoveer life enrichment coordinator, to sign up for the Write Around Portland workshop held there this spring. Ginny not only reconnected with her writing but connected with fellow residents in the process.

“It got us talking about writing. We learned that everyone had talent,” she said. “The workshop inspired me to know that there were other people who write, and I still see members of our group writing every day.”

Ginny’s poem, *Midnight Sweetness*, was published in Write Around Portland’s 32nd anthology, *The Top*. Ginny credits the bowls of oranges where she lives and Mother Joseph as the inspirations for her piece. She read the poem at a community reading attended by more than 250 people, including her fellow workshop participants, and she also was invited to read it at a recent Glendoveer anniversary event.

– by Robyn Steeley, executive director of Write Around Portland

Write Around Portland

(www.writearound.org) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1999. It provides 10-week creative writing workshops in partnership with social service agencies and health care providers serving people living with HIV/AIDS, survivors of domestic violence, adults and youth in addiction recovery, low-income seniors, people in prison, homeless youth and others who may not have access to opportunities for writing in community because of income, isolation or other barriers. The spring workshop Ginny attended was the second Write Around Portland workshop at Glendoveer. The organization also has partnered with Providence Integrated Cancer Center at St. Vincent Medical Center to provide a workshop for women with metastatic cancers. ●

Midnight Sweetness by Ginny Foster, Providence ElderPlace Glendoveer

Mother Joseph rings the after-hours bell

cha ching cha ching

returning at midnight from a begging trip
 asking the storeowners and the bankers

oranges for the poor
 oranges for the poor

cha ching cha ching

her black habit
 frames her plain, unappealing face
 as she waits for the smallest sister
 to rouse and let her in

she goes out to shake the orange tree
 in the courtyard

oranges for the poor
 oranges for the poor

the smells of the midnight orange
 Mother Joseph
 hungry after her journey
 breaks it open

peeling it in the moonlight
 the gleam of the white pith
 the juice dribbling down
 her humble chin where three hairs grow

At Glendoveer I get an orange
 from the bowl

oranges for the poor
 oranges for the poor

number two grade oranges
 refused by grocery stores
 with scars
 soft spots
 strange brown islands

we old people have our own
 bruises from falls
 freckles
 our skin stained like the skin of oranges

it’s midnight
 and juice dribbles down my chin

white fiber lines the orange
 white hair outlines my face
 a touch of acid
 but we are sweet inside

the aides
 they wait for us to get by
 leaning on our walkers
 as they hurry to
 bring the clinking cart of
 metal oxygen tanks

cha ching cha ching

they see us when our teeth
 are in a jar
 our flabby bodies in the shower

we too are not perfect
 but still they care for us

I love the aides
 I love Larry’s garden
 but most of all, I love the oranges.