



Bishop Blase J. Cupich of the Diocese of Spokane distributes Communion to Sister Pam White.

Her wisdom, gentleness, deep insight and passion for the mission affected many staff members and physicians. Her vision to see a closer connection between faith and health ultimately led to the development of the Providence Center for Faith and Healing on Sacred Heart's campus. It remains a rich and vital part of the medical center's healing mission today.

Sister Rosalie, the only remaining Sister of Providence to serve full time on staff at Sacred Heart, believes in the power of these stories to keep alive the Providence legacy and heritage.

"In them, we see the commitment of the sisters to always meet a need, fill a role, collaborate with others to ensure that our ministries were as stellar as we want them to be," Sister Rosalie said. "For me, I cherish how we as a province have loved Sacred Heart and recognize it as a wonderful beacon of light for this region.

At the anniversary celebration held April 14, Sister Pam White wore the habit and "represented"



Mother Gamelin. She is pictured with Jack Pariseau, the great-great-grand-nephew of Mother Joseph.



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"Sacred Heart promises hope and provides real possibilities and opportunities for new life and health," she continued. "I feel extremely grateful and sometimes overwhelmed with what little part I can play in representing the Sisters of Providence in this incredible ministry."

"While we no longer have many sisters at the helm of our ministries, their wisdom still guides us every day," said Elaine Couture, chief executive of Sacred Heart. "In today's complex health care environment, we may face challenges that impact every part of our daily work and our planning for continued growth . . . I believe that so long as we never forget the poor, we will accomplish what the Sisters of Providence have commissioned us to do." ●

*P*LEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Roger John, brother-in-law of Cindi John, PA, died March 9 in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Norris Countryman, brother-in-law of Shirley McKay, PA, died March 13 in Bainbridge Island, Wash.

Charles Helm, brother-in-law of Joyce Green, SP, died March 28 in Herculaneum, Miss.

Mario Saul, brother-in-law of Maria Lourdes Cleto, SP, died March 28 in San Francisco, Calif.

Dr. Gerald Rutan, brother of Kathryn Rutan, SP, died March 30 in Bellingham, Wash.

Ann Olsen, sister of Scholastica Lee, SP, died April 2 in Seattle, Wash.

Katherine Eley, sister-in-law of Patricia Eley, SP, died April 4 in East Wenatchee, Wash.

Zullma Zanetti Iturriaga, sister-in-law of Myrta Iturriaga, SP, died April 10 in Puren, Chile.

Joseph Swialkowski, brother-in-law of Cecilia Abhold, SP, and Margaret Abhold, SP, died April 18 in Bodfish, Calif.

L.C. Elmore, father of Nancy Elmore Ward, PA, and Dixie Elmore, PA, died April 29 in Federal Way, Wash.

Mary Cecile Marceau, sister-in-law of Ida Mae Marceau, SP, died April 30 in Omaha, Neb.

Dorothy (Hoffman) Benoit, sister-in-law of Maryann Benoit, SP, died May 11 in Yakima, Wash.



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Briefs

Providence Day celebration

University of Great Falls dedicates Sr. Rita Mudd Hall and Providence Plaza

April 29 was a very full day on the campus of the University of Great Falls in Montana. That date marked the celebration of Providence Day with dedication and blessing of Sister Rita Mudd Hall, a new 36-bedroom apartment-style residence for students, and of a new water feature and gathering spot at the center of campus called Providence Plaza. Sister Rita is the only woman and the only Sister of Providence to have served as the university's president. She served as its leader at the time that the college moved from Columbus Hospital to its present site.



Sister Mary Kaye Nealen

The day's celebration also honored Sister Mary Kaye Nealen, who is marking her Golden Jubilee this year. Father James Sikora, academic dean, presided at a mid-afternoon liturgy in the Trinitas Chapel in honor of Sister Mary Kaye, who has spent

a total of 20 ½ years ministering at the educational institution. She currently serves as director of mission integration and associate professor of theology and ministry.

Among those enjoying the gathering were Sisters Karen Hawkins, Inez Arkell, Maryann Benoit, a 70-year Jubilarian; Ann Dolores Ybarrola, Marilyn Charette, Myrta Iturriaga, a 50-year Jubilarian, and Provincial Councilors Judith Desmarais and Maureen Newman. ●

Sr. Rita Mudd Hall



Providence Plaza

LCWR exhibit

Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America opens in Los Angeles

Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America opened this week at Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles, where it will continue through August 14. After four months at the Center for History in South Bend, Ind., the exhibit will move to Sacramento, Calif., where it will be housed at the California Museum of History, Women & the Arts, from January 24 through June 3, 2012.

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) exhibit tells the uniquely American story of the rich history and the impact of women religious on all walks of life and in all areas of this country through photographs, artifacts and documentary material from the archives of many congregations. Providence Archivist Loretta Greene said the Sisters of Providence of Mother

Joseph Province are well represented in the exhibit through items including Mother Joseph's traveling trunk and bookbinding tools; a wax Infant Jesus; a 3-key box; Sister Mary Loretta Gately's sewing sample book; a ceremonial trowel for cornerstones; a 1940s film from Providence Hospital in Everett, Wash; an image of sisters on horseback; Mother Joseph's portrait; and a transparency of Sister Mary Trinitas' stained glass, St. John the Baptist.

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 offer 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. ●



12th annual gathering

Congress for the Evangelization of Families held in Yakima

For the past 12 years Sister Silvia Troncoso has been an organizer and board member of the annual Congress for the Evangelization of Families, held in Yakima, Wash. Begun in St. Joseph Parish, the Hispanic congress now is an independent nonprofit organization. About 6,000 attended the gathering held May 13-15 in the Sun Dome on the fairgrounds in the Yakima Valley.

Mass celebrated by Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla opened the three-day program. In between that and the closing Mass were prayers, concerts of spiritual music and programs for youth and families. Each year, the organizers plan the event and make and sell food and other items to supplement donations from Hispanic business people. The congress always is held in Yakima, but its speakers come from all over. ●

Sister Silvia Troncoso (left) welcomes Sister Clare Lentz to the Congress for the Evangelization of Families.



A fond farewell

Providence Child Center hosts reception for Sister Julie Ziocchi

Providence Child Center hosted a farewell reception for Sister Julie Ziocchi on May 23 in Portland, Ore.

Born in Melrose Park, Ill., she and six siblings were entrusted to the care of the Sisters of Providence in Des Plaines, Ill., after their mother's death. That began a near lifelong bond to the religious community. She entered the Sisters of Providence in 1947 at Mount St. Vincent, Seattle, and professed first vows in 1949.

After a 20-year teaching ministry, Sister Julie was involved in religious education at the diocesan and parish levels. Then she found herself at the reception desk at Providence Child Center. A few months later she began supporting Sister Barbara Chamber as executive secretary and vice principal at Providence Montessori and Emily schools, where she remained for eight years. She has continued to be an active member of the Providence Child Center Foundation board. She also was director of pastoral care for 7 ½ years at Providence Milwaukie Hospital. ●



Sister Chauncey Boyle retires from Providence Vincent House

Seventeen and a half years in housing ministry came to a close in February when Sister Chauncey Boyle retired from Providence Vincent House in Seattle. Staff, residents and guests gathered to wish her well at a celebration in her honor on February 25.



Sister Chauncey Boyle

Sister Chauncey, a proud graduate of Providence Academy in Vancouver, Wash., celebrated 50 years in the religious community last year. After three years as a teacher, she began a 23-year nursing career before branching into housing. She has served in the latter capacity at Family Tree Apartments in Everett, Wash., at Providence Peter Claver House, Seattle, and at Vincent House.

She will continue her board commitments at Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett and on the Everett Foundation, as well as at the Providence Little Company of Mary hospitals in Torrance and San Pedro, Calif. ●

Montreal is well represented at WPC meeting

Sisters of Providence from the Montreal congregation were delighted to see each other in March in San Antonio, Texas, at the Women of Providence in Collaboration meeting of vocation, formation and leadership liaisons. ●



Pictured are (top from left) General Councilor Alba Letelier and Sister Magdalena Chan; (middle row from left) Sisters Isabel Cid and Marilyn Charette, and Provincial Councilor Maureen Newman; and (front row from left) General Councilor Betty Kaczmarczyk and Sister Joan Gallagher.

WPC leadership

At its March meeting, the governing board of Women of Providence in Collaboration approved new officers. Karin Dufault, SP, provincial and team leader of Mother Joseph Province, is serving as treasurer. ●



Sister Karin Dufault

New candidate director

After a day of discernment in the late fall, Sister Karen Hawkins was named by the provincial superior and council to become candidate director for Mother Joseph Province in the summer of 2011. Sister Karen recently completed her work as campus minister at the University of Great Falls (MT) and will move to Spokane to begin her term as candidate director on August 1. ●



Sister Karen Hawkins

Building Bridges

“Navigating the Care of the Medically Fragile Child, the Conference for Providers of Pediatric Residential Care”, held in Boston in April, was a great success. The annual conference was sponsored by



Sister Katherine Smith

Building Bridges, a ministry that is part of Providence Pariseau. Its beginning on April 11 coincidentally marked Sister Katherine Smith’s 44th year of ministry to medically fragile children, their families and the facilities that care for them.

On the way to Boston for the conference, Sister Katherine and Providence Associate Roberta Sample made a two-month trip throughout the United States to make some pediatric nursing facility site visits. They stopped in at 32 of the 125 now known pediatric residential nursing facilities and also visited with a couple of benefactors who have been faithful contributors over the last 20 years.

At a luncheon at the conference, Sister Katherine was honored for her collaborative networking and for the legacy of the Building Bridges ministry. She received an acknowledgment page in calligraphy, a plaque and a 14 karat gold medal of the Madonna and Child. ●

Portland visit

Sponsors and sisters break bread together

The sponsors of Providence Ministries have been making the rounds, meeting with the sisters in each region as they travel around the province. This photo is of a dinner gathering at Providence Portland Medical Center in March. ●



Seated (from left) are Sisters Katherine Smith, Joyce Green, Julie Ziocchi and Rita Ferschweiler. Standing (from left) are sponsors Charles “Chuck” Hawley and Sister Barbara Schamber, Sister Margaret Bischoff, sponsor Johnny Cox, Sisters Lenora Donovan, Lucy St. Hilaire and Jeanette Heindl, sponsor Barb Savage behind Sister Lang Tran; Sister Judi Roberts and sponsor Sister Anita Butler.

Kudos!

Sister Hong Nga Nguyen has passed the state test for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

Sister Margarita Hernandez has completed an internship in Faith Formation for Hispanics at St. Louise Parish in Bellevue, Wash., under the mentorship of Esther Lucero Miner.

Congratulations to both! ●



Sister Hong Nga Nguyen



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Sisters of Providence honor Joan Pinkerton Tucker for Mother Joseph portrayals

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Actress **Joan Pinkerton Tucker**, donning a habit, has performed a living history monologue of Mother Joseph, foundress of the Sisters of Providence in the West, a total of 364 times over the last 20 plus years. On April 16, appearing as herself, Joan was presented with a statue of Mother Joseph at a luncheon at St. Joseph Residence in West Seattle in honor of her retirement from the role.

The statue was presented by the sponsors of Providence Ministries and by the Provincial Superior and Council of Mother Joseph Province. The date was significant because it was Mother Joseph’s birthday. When former Gov. Gary Locke signed a bill in 1999 making

that date a Washington State holiday, Joan was there in the habit. She was accompanied by members of the sixth-grade class from Evergreen School in Vancouver, Wash., that championed the effort to have the holiday established.

Joan, of Moses Lake, Wash., is an author, professional actress and an Inquiring Minds Scholar for the Washington Commission for the Humanities. She created the presentation, called “Beggar/Builder: The History of Mother Joseph,” after researching nearly 40 years of correspondence from the archives of the Sisters of Providence. She performs the work wearing an authentic habit from the archives.

She has given the presentation in Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California, and her 100th performance was for the Washington State Legislature in Olympia, Wash.

“It is our shared belief that Joan Tucker has been personally inspired by her study and portrayal of the life of Mother Joseph,” wrote her nomina-

Actress Joan Pinkerton Tucker holds the Mother Joseph statue she received from the Sisters of Providence in honor of her 364 performances of the living history monologue, “Beggar/Builder: The History of Mother Joseph.”



tors for a recognition, Sister Lucille Dean, chair of the board of directors of Providence Health & Services, and Sister Rita Bergamini, who formerly served as Providence archivist. “Equally important, it is through her use of her great talents that Joan has brought Mother Joseph, her spirit and her impact on society to life for countless numbers of persons who have seen her performance . . .”

Mother Joseph, who led begging tours to support the early ministries of the Sisters of Providence, had established 29 hospitals, schools, orphanages, homes for the aged and shelters for the mentally ill in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Canada before she died on January 19, 1902.

The Mother Joseph 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. 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. ●



Joan Pinkerton Tucker (holding the Mother Joseph statue) is pictured with (from left) Provincial Councilors Judith Desmarais and Maureen Newman; Sister Lucille Dean, chair of the board of Providence Health & Services; Sister Barbara Schamber, a sponsor of Providence Ministries; and Provincial Superior Karin Dufault.