

Jubilee Women's Center Expands Services to Women Experiencing Homelessness with Martha's House

By Angie Muthee, Development Director, Jubilee Women's Center



◀ Jubilee Women's Center opened its newest home earlier this year in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood. Martha's House offers an interim affordable housing option for low-income women who have completed Jubilee's core two-year transitional program. Learn more at jwcenter.org.

In January and February attendees at our open house events witnessed Jubilee's most newly renovated home, Martha's House, located just blocks from Jubilee's main site in Capitol Hill. In March our resident application process began with the goal to gradually implement full occupancy. We found that some of the residents who were ready to exit our core program opted to move closer to family or away from the community setting. Other residents needed more time to become income eligible for Martha's House. Currently we have four residents living in Martha's House with an expectation to fill six more rooms in the coming months.

Martha's House activities and continued programs for residents and

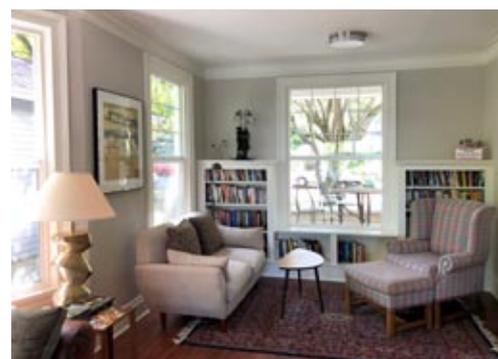
alumni have been planned and will include workshops, trainings, social gatherings, movie nights, ice cream or tea socials and community meals. Our intention is to have an activities program linked to the women's career paths and desired job skills.

Our advanced cooking techniques workshop with Chef Wil is a great example of the direction we are heading. Chef Wil demonstrates advanced cooking techniques for our residents and alumni currently working in the hospitality industry. The advanced cooking techniques workshop enhances current skills, and introduces new skills, giving our residents and alumni great advantages in their endeavors.

Windermere Capitol Hill gave generously to Martha's House this spring. They provided a combined 210 hours of service through 35 volunteers who created a shade garden in the front yard and built a fence in the back yard. All the materials and supplies for this project were donated in-kind. Windermere gave Martha's House residents a beautiful yard as well as a sense of safety and security with the added fence.

Martha's House has been well accepted by the community. Our Capitol Hill neighbors are welcoming, compassionate and very supportive to our residents. With the beautiful shade garden and an activity program that encourages community engagement, we are assured our residents there will continue to realize their fullest potential. ●

▼ The interior of Martha's House was completely renovated to provide functional and beautiful spaces for up to 12 residents thanks to the financial and in-kind support of donors. Martha's House is named in memory of a major donor's sister.



New Sisters Come Together

Sisters in formation from Mother Joseph Province; Holy Angels Province, Edmonton, Alberta; and Bernarda Morin Province, Chile; gathered in July at the North Lake House in Federal Way, Wash., for Initial Formation In-Service Days. The four-day event gave the nine newer members of the Sisters of Providence — a candidate, novices, temporary-vowed sisters and a transfer-in-process — an opportunity to spend time faith-sharing, recreating and visiting notable sites in the life of Mother Joseph, the foundress of Sisters of Providence in the West. Members of the Formation Team and other vowed sisters participated in various activities to build community.



▲▶ The Initial Formation In-Service Days included a trip to the State Capitol in Olympia to see the statue of Mother Joseph which honors her contributions to the development of Washington state.



The sisters in formation described the In-Service Days as "a time of growth for each of us in our own Providence journeys... filled with laughter, learning, love, fun and tears. We saw the continuation of the manifestation of the mission of the sisters past being carried on in the present, and we look to the future, to the sisters who will follow us." ●



◀ Jo Ann Showalter, SP; Margaret Bauer, PA; and Kathe Boucha, PA; represented the Providence Associates of Mother Joseph at the recent Associate Leadership Group (ALG) of the Women of Providence in Collaboration (WPC). WPC is an association of congregations of North American Roman Catholic religious sisters with "Providence" in their name. The ALG is a gathering of the associate leaders from each congregation.

The Associate-Religious Relationship

By Kathe Boucha, PA, Executive Director,
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At this time, the associate movement is one of the fastest growing movements in the North American Roman Catholic Church. Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Sister Catherine Schwemer, states that associates are formally recognized as associated to a religious institute and they relate to the community in several ways. The associate movement today is deeply rooted in the charism and spirituality of apostolic and teaching congregations. Most associates do make formal commitments.

Some findings in the study, "Partners in Mission: A Profile of Associates and Religious in the United States," show that associations may be open to both single and married people, as well as to both men and women. Some institutes allow diocesan priests and permanent deacons to be associates, and a few institutes allow other vowed religious to join. Many religious institutes allow association to non-Catholics, and a few are open to non-Christians. Associates are likely to be friends of vowed members, sisters and/or other associates when they come to the association.

Part II of the study showed that many times associates were a colleague, volunteer, or person serving in a ministry of the institute before they became an associate. For the most part, associates have a general desire for a deeper spiritual

life and resonate with the institute's spirituality, charism and mission. The desire to be of service and the desire to pray with vowed members and other associates also are attracting people. The desire to socialize and work with vowed members and other associates may also draw others.

We found that within Providence Associates of Mother Joseph (PAMJ), many associates currently participate in various forms of lay ministry either in a congregationally-sponsored ministry in their parish communities or elsewhere.

Providence Associates are involved in a variety of ministries that serve the poor and disenfranchised. Some regions serve in groups, and some individual associates have personal ministries. There are 12-13 regions reporting to and serving within Mother Joseph Province. We intend that each region will have two coordinators and a Sister of Providence liaison. All willingly give their time, energy and talents.

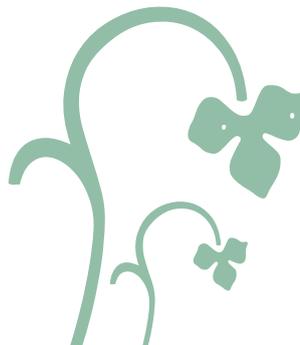
The orientation and welcoming of new associates and filling the coordinator positions of the Providence Associates of Mother Joseph are two of the top priorities in 2020. If you or someone you know is interested in the Providence Associates, please contact Geri Ann Johnson, PA, peceann@me.com or Kathe Boucha, PA, 907-250-6844.

As an example of associate life, Josie Michael, PA, executive finance director of the Providence Associates, presented ideas to the Portland Associates suggesting focused, concentrated prayer on behalf of immigrants and refugees. It was agreed that associates would say the rosary (either regular or Seven Dolours) each day or night beginning Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent. If the rosary is not part of the faith tradition for a Providence Associate, they suggested substituting Psalm 148. The intention of the rosary is for merciful immigration legislation and implementation.

In another example of associate life from Marian Julum-Weaver, PA, coordinator of the Greater Seattle Providence Associates, associates held an annual recommitment ceremony to their individual continuance as Providence Associates. ●



▲ Providence Associates of Mother Joseph coordinators and sister liaisons, 2019-2020.



Rest in Peace

Mary Clare Boland, SP

(Sister Mary Wilfrid)

Sister Mary Clare Boland, age 89, a Sister of Providence for 71 years, died Sept. 13, 2019, at St. Joseph Residence, Seattle.



Mary Clare Boland was born March 18, 1930, to Joseph Martin Boland and Ethel Mary Boland (Bonning) of Seattle. She was the youngest of five children. Mary Clare entered the Sisters of Providence in June 1947 at Mount St. Vincent, Seattle, and in January 1948 she became a novice. In July 1949 she professed first vows and received the name Sister Mary Wilfrid. In July 1952 she professed final vows.

Mary Clare graduated in 1947 from Holy Rosary High School in West Seattle. She attended the College of Great Falls in Montana from 1951 to 1963, and in 1964 earned a Bachelor of Science in Education/Social Studies Philosophy. From 1964 to 1969 she studied education and anthropology at the University of Washington in Seattle.

In 1977 Sister Mary Clare completed programs in pastoral theology and the Corporate Ministries Graduate Program (CORPUS) at Seattle University, and Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) studies in Steilacoom, Wash. She received several certifications: Washington State Teachers in Elementary and Junior High, Religious Studies in Pastoral Ministry (RSM), and the National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC) by the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops.

Sr. Mary Clare's ministry of 20 years in education was as an elementary/secondary teacher and administrator from 1949 to 1969. In Washington: St. Joseph Academy, Sprague; St. Catherine School, Holy Family School and Sacred Heart School, Seattle; St. Joseph Academy, Yakima, and Providence Heights, Issaquah. In Idaho: St. Alphonsus Academy, Wallace. In Montana: Sacred Heart Academy and St. Francis Xavier School, Missoula; and St. Gerard School, Great Falls.

From 1969 to 1984 she had ministries as a parish teacher, in pastoral care, and hospital chaplain in Washington: Holy Family School, Providence Hospital and Swedish Medical Center, Seattle; Providence Heights, Issaquah; and St. Peter

Hospital, Olympia. In California: St. Joseph Hospital, Burbank. From 1973 to 1976, Sister Mary Clare was at St. Joseph Residence as the local superior for the sisters. She returned there from 1985 to 2007 and held several leadership roles among the sisters.

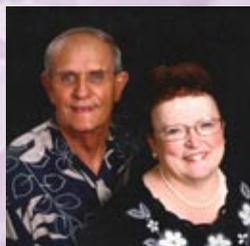
Though Sister Mary Clare retired in 2007, she continued providing daily spiritual care ministry at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle until 2016. Her favorite pastimes were taking walks, creating liturgical art and decorations, sewing, community involvement and spending cherished time with family, friends and her sisters in community.

Sister Mary Clare is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Joseph and John; and sisters, Elinor and Margaret. She is survived by her nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Providence Retirement Fund, 1801 Lind Avenue SW, M1-C, Renton, WA 98057. To view Sister Mary Clare's obituary with her picture and to sign her memory book, please visit the website for Bonney-Watson Funeral Home at bonney-watson.com. ●

Stuart Cox, PA, and Barbara Cox, PA & PC

Long-time Providence Associates Stuart and Barbara Cox, who passed away within weeks of each other, were remembered at a memorial



service September 14, 2019, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in West Seattle.

Throughout "Stu" and Barbara's 45 years of marriage, works of service exemplified their commitment to their Catholic faith and community. They have been active volunteers at St. Leo Parish in Tacoma, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Stu and Barbara became Providence Associates in 1986, serving in various ministries to support their neighbors experiencing poverty, homelessness and oppression. Barbara was welcomed as a Providence Companion in April 2019.

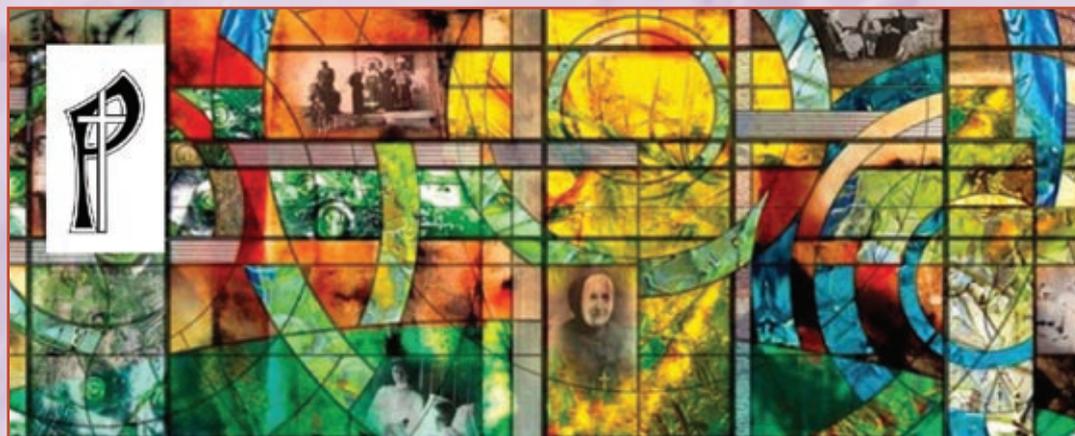
Stu and Barbara are survived by sons Seth, Steven and Sean Cox of the Seattle area; daughter Dorey (Bruce) Rowland (Cox) of Libby, Mont.; and brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. ●

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Elizabeth (Betsy) Waters, sister of Mary Butler, PA, died June 26 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Elaine Judd, sister of Donna Taylor, SP, died Aug. 20 in Yakima, Wash.

Carolyn Wuchter, sister of Annette Seubert, SP, died Sept. 3 in Northampton, Pa.



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New Galerie Trinitas Showcases the Life and Art of Sister Mary Trinitas

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Sister Mary Trinitas Morin (1908-1965) is a familiar name at the University of Providence in Great Falls, Mont. She left her mark as an artist and a teacher of art for nearly 33 years at what was then known as the College of Great Falls. On Sept. 23, 2019, the university opened Galerie Trinitas, part of the school's new University Center building, to honor the life and art of Sister Mary Trinitas.

Born Rosalba Marie Morin, she took her vows as a Sister of Providence in 1929, receiving the religious name Sister Mary Trinitas. She went on to study art, create art and teach art. Sister Mary Trinitas exemplified the early 20th-century artistic spirit of exploration and discovery using various media and repurposed materials.

Sister Mary Trinitas legacy is found in the students she inspired and in the vast amount of art she produced in her pursuit of creative expression, education, collaboration and spirituality. Galerie Trinitas beautifully captures this legacy in a collection of paintings, ceramics, stained glass, textiles, metal works and tribute pieces punctuated by narratives and photos of her life and creative processes.

For more information about Galerie Trinitas, visit uprovidence.edu/about/galerie-trinitas. ●

▼ Sister Anita Butler takes in the works of Sister Mary Trinitas Morin. The new gallery is part of the state-of-the-art University Center building that opened Sept. 23 at University of Providence, Great Falls, Mont.



▲ Several sisters got a private tour of the new Galerie Trinitas at University of Providence. Left to right: Sister Felma Cerezo; Dena Rigby, curator; Sisters Mary Kaye Nealen, Margarita Hernandez, Judith Desmarais, Mary Hawkins, Anita Butler, Karen Hawkins, Rosalie Locati, Lucille Dean, Barbara Schamber, Josie Ramac and Jacqueline Fernandes; Erin Couch, PSJH Real Estate.



◀ Sister Mary Hawkins stands in Galerie Trinitas near artwork she helped create during a summer course taught by Sister Mary Trinitas in 1963. She remembers Sister Mary Trinitas as an art teacher who looked for artistic potential and encouraged it. Sister Mary Hawkins painted the fourth station of the cross, "Jesus Meets His Mother" (above her right shoulder).



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