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### Message from Rose Dowling, FSM, President Franciscan Sisters of Mary

Over the past few years the Franciscan Sisters of Mary have learned a lot about the topic of this issue of *FSM Magazine*—Mission (or Impact) Investing, and it has been an enlightening, energizing time for our Congregation.

Back in 2011, in a truly Spirit-led moment, we agreed to take on a new direction, a new focus.\* In so many words the Spirit said to us: “Here it is—My gift to you. The direction I want to give you is truly a mystery to you at this moment. But the ride will be remarkable—so get on board and hold tight!” Little did we know where that ride would lead us and where it continues to lead us!

Mission Investment, as we call it—or Impact Investment—is a path that truly allows us to live out our mission of presence in many parts of the world. And as a result we find ourselves working with many new collaborators—the women and men who are, against great odds, putting their bodies, minds, and spirits to work on behalf of God’s Creation. Along with them, we also co-labor with other investors to aid and abet these dedicated people. Along with us, they all understand the breadth and depth of the crisis at this time in our history—and are willing to make a difference with how they live their lives.

We ask you to join us in prayer and also in deed, if you possibly can; to be a part of, as Gandhi said, “the change we want to see”—and, I would add, to be a part of the change we *need* to be at this time.

As you read the following pages, I truly hope that you are inspired and moved to see another way of responding to the global crisis that affects all living matter on our planet—and then to act upon that inspiration in ways that best fit you at this time.

\* Focus of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary: Flowing from our Mission, we focus the power of our intention on compassionate care of Creation in collaboration with others.





# Mission (Impact) Investing: Directing Our Future

*Flowing from our Mission, we focus the power of our intention on compassionate care of Creation in collaboration with others.*

Investing in the future of the Earth and its creatures is at the heart of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary.

For years they have engaged in socially responsible investing and have therefore avoided benefiting financially from businesses that in one way or another promote values alien to their own. These guidelines helped the FSM avoid profiting from the manufacture or sale of tobacco or tobacco-related products, adult entertainment, guns, contraceptives and abortifacients, military weapons, for-profit healthcare, etc.

In addition to negative screening, the FSM have been involved in shareholder advocacy efforts that include participating in shareholder resolutions that encourage responsible corporate behavior and voting shareholder proxies. The FSM have also invested in below-market community development and housing loan funds.

But all these efforts have a limited effect in furthering the FSM mission.

A few years ago, the FSM Leadership Team challenged Chief Financial Officer John O'Shaughnessy to scope out opportunities for investment that both provides market-rate financial returns and furthers the FSM mission—i.e., investments that generate a “double bottom line,” meeting ethical goals as well as financial. Concerns about the growing harmful effects of global climate change, for example, prompted the Sisters to consider whether they might be able to use their investments to do more to help heal the Earth.

Soon after, John came across a YouTube video of a presentation at the SoCap (Social Capital Markets) Conference in San Francisco that addressed Mission-Related Investments. The video described how an investor could actually generate market-rate financial returns AND further its mission and values.

The video opened a whole new approach to investing. “Wow!” John said. “It was a ‘God’ moment for us!”

John began exploring mission-related investing, now more widely referred to as “impact investing.” After much study and careful research, the FSM selected Imprint Capital of San Francisco to provide advisory services and to help integrate mission-related investing into the FSM’s socially responsible investment program. In addition to helping with policy development, investment selection and portfolio management, Imprint provides quarterly reports that show measures of financial and mission/impact return.

To date, the FSM have pledged nearly \$10 million in investments that will promote compassionate care of creation—such as climate change mitigation—in collaboration with others.



*Frontlines of crisis, forefront of change: Indigenous groups, environmental justice, and other communities led the charge during The People's Climate March in NYC.*



*Child of Earth*



*The End of the Fossil Fuel Era*



*Volunteers worked collectively to design and create stunning banners.*



*There is no PLANet B.*



Mission-Related Investing

Mission-related investing involves investing money in the efforts of social entrepreneurs and businesses that advance the mission and values of an organization. Such investments generate market-rate financial returns as well as measurable social and/or environmental impact. In some cases the FSM may make an investment that generates a below-market-rate return when the mission return is strongly catalytic.

The Franciscan Sisters of Mary, whose congregational focus is on compassionate care of creation in collaboration with others, are investing in companies that concentrate on energy and the environment. Examples include companies and organizations that promote energy efficiency and renewable energy, mitigate climate change, reduce production of greenhouse gases, further conservation efforts, and support sustainable land use and agriculture.

For instance, the FSM are investing in M-KOPA Kenya Ltd., a company that currently provides affordable solar power to more than 80,000 households in Kenya while adding some 6,500 customers monthly. The FSM are in solid company: A fellow investor in M-KOPA is the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

At least 75 percent of households in Kenya have no access to the Kenyan electrical grid. Alternative sources of power like kerosene and car batteries present major health and safety risks, and the solar power solutions available to most people usually cost much more than the average consumer can afford. According to Imprint Capital’s overview, “M-KOPA has created a technology-enabled financing solution that brings the daily cost of using solar energy within reach of the average Kenyan household. M-KOPA solar products enable enhanced productivity levels, allowing children to study longer and shop keepers to remain open after dark. In addition, M-KOPA’s system enables cell phone charging, which other off-grid solutions do not, and displacement of alternatives like Kerosene (the most widely used off-grid source of lighting) provides health benefits and eliminates the risk of fire.”

The FSM also invest in forest conservation to protect habitats for endangered species (some 58,344 acres in three locations), recycling of over-the-road tires and other waste conversion projects, and technologies that deliver value by using limited or zero nonrenewable resources and creating less waste than other approaches—e.g., renewable energy, water purification, and waste remediation—as well as bringing about gains in efficiency in manufacturing, lighting, power delivery, storage, and motors.



A tree farmer among his trees in Kilifi County, Kenya.

Their portfolio includes providing business loans for “small grassroots businesses like farmer cooperatives and artisan associations as engines for sustainable development and poverty alleviation in rural communities in the developing world.” These small businesses are too small and risky for bank loans and too large for microfinance efforts. Through these loans, for instance, a cooperative in Ecuador that produces organic quinoa has helped some 1,600 farmers and their families reach a wider international market and has improved life, especially for rural women and their families.

Spreading the Word

Word of the FSM commitment to mission-related investing had an unexpected result: an invitation for John O’Shaughnessy, as financial representative for the FSM, to participate in a White House Roundtable on Impact Investing.

The roundtable discussion, convened by the White House Office of Social Innovation and Civic Participation, took place at the White House on the morning of Wednesday, June 25. At the meeting, some twenty organizations formally announced their commitments to impact investing.

John’s account of his day at the White House is included, beginning on page 6.

Making a Difference in the World

The FSM are enthusiastic about their commitment to invest in ways that will have a positive impact. They have already invested some \$5 million of the \$10 million they have pledged to commit.

“We believe mission/impact investing promotes capitalism in its best form and is far and away the most catalytic tool available to socially responsible investors,” John said. “Moreover, in the process financial return need not be sacrificed to achieve direct social and environmental benefits.

“Our sincere hope is that others, particularly Catholic and other faith-based institutions, will follow our lead into this mission/impact investing space.”

The Franciscan Sisters of Mary are taking yet another step forward in the near future. The Sisters are in the process of divesting from any companies involved in producing and refining oil, gas, and other consumable fuels, in addition to the “Filthy Fifteen” that profit from production of fossil fuels. The Sisters expect this divestment to be nearly complete by the end of 2014.

The FSM believe their divestment/investment strategy should do more than merely avoid doing harm. With insight, research, and attentive planning, the Sisters’ commitment to compassionate care of creation in collaboration with others will be their contribution to aiding and sustaining God’s creation.



One of M-KOPA Solar’s 100,000 customers, Leah Tallam in Eldama Ravine, Kenya, says, “Sometimes my children could not do their homework because we would run out of kerosene. Now they can study early or late.”  
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Leah says, “I used to spend 11 cents each day to charge my phone at the market. I now do it in the comfort of my home.”  
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John O’Shaughnessy with the M-KOPA product. John traveled to Kenya with Imprint Capital to see first-hand the difference FSM investments are making in the lives of people.





# Mr. O'Shaughnessy Goes to Washington

*On Wednesday, June 25, 2014, FSM Chief Financial Officer John O'Shaughnessy attended a special White House Roundtable on Impact Investing. At the invitation of Jonathan Greenblatt, Special Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Social Innovation and Civic Participation, John described how the Franciscan Sisters of Mary have begun investing in the efforts of social entrepreneurs and businesses that further the FSM mission and values in the area of energy and environment. Here is John's account of his day in Washington, DC.*

It was 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2014. I had arrived.

Before me was the small enclosed security outpost on the western end of the White House grounds. Behind that was the awe-inspiring Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB) where most of the White House staff work and perform their daily functions in support of the executive branch of the federal government.

The sun was warm and the air moist. My nine city-block walk was alive with pedestrian and street traffic. I passed K Street, a renowned business thoroughfare lined by buildings strategically populated by think tanks, advocacy groups and—most notably—very high-priced lobbyists. The closer I moved toward the White House, the more I felt the “feel” of the City—a palpable buzz as if created by an energy grid pulsing below the pavement. Things happen in this place.

A small line of visitors had formed at the outpost. At the window I slipped my driver's license through the slot to the uniformed man on the other side of the thick window. He took it, peered at the photo, peered at me, then checked my personal information with the paper on his clipboard. Without a word he passed my ID back through the slot along with a green badge. As I looped the chained badge around my neck, I knew full well that removing the thing before exiting the secured grounds would be a BIG mistake.

The next line formed in front of an entry door to the big old building. From the excited chatter among us, it was plainly evident we were all headed to the same place. One by one the properly dressed attendees were ushered through the heavy metal door.



When my turn came, I cautiously entered a small room with big men and bigger metal-scanning devices. As at the airport, I put my bag on the conveyer and then walked through the scanner. To my dismay the buzzer sounded loudly, causing one big man to query sternly, “WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR POCKETS, SIR?” I timidly pulled out my phone and wallet and was directed to retrace my steps and put the phone on the conveyer. Interestingly, all the men I encountered on the front end of my visit had something in common: All emoted nothing and seemed completely indifferent to my being there. I sensed their collective focus was 1) to determine whether I belonged, and 2) to identify all I had in my possession.

Once through the security gauntlet, things changed. People of pleasant disposition and similar dress pointed the way to Room 350. I strolled the hallways, feeling a certain kinship when I passed the Office of Management and Budget. Within a few minutes I arrived at the room I would not exit for the next 3½ hours. Nothing, not even water, was provided. And once convened, the meeting progressed without pause, save for a 20-second leg-stretching break called about two hours in.

The room is open for White House business of all sorts, including working meetings, announcements, and formal presidential ceremonies. If the walls could talk . . .



A string of connected tables were set up in a quadrangle around the room. For additional seating, chairs lined the walls. Paper name placards were placed tightly around the tables while others were sitting on some outer-ring chairs. Happy merely to be an attendee, finding a placard with my name reserving me a spot at the table was beyond delightful. In those minutes before the meeting, I met, among others, Wayne Silby, founder of the \$15 billion investment group Calvert and co-chairperson of the Calvert Foundation, and Jonathan Greenblatt, Special Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Social Innovation. Jonathan was responsible for convening this meeting.



Sitting next to me was a delightful woman named Elizabeth Littlefield. Elizabeth was appointed by President Obama to be president and CEO of OPIC—an Under Secretary-level position. OPIC, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, the US Government’s Development Finance Institution, operates in 102 countries and manages an \$18 billion portfolio of finance and insurance to support private investment in sustainable economic development, especially in the world’s poorest countries. In terms of professional achievement, focus and involvement, she was representative of the people present that day—by and large heavy hitters from the public and private sectors that, like FSM, share an interest in mission/impact investing.

At the meeting, the Franciscan Sisters of Mary was one of 20 institutions formally announcing commitments to the mission/impact investing space. Many of those institutions are foundations, including some of the country’s largest, like the Ford and the John T. and Catherine D. MacArthur Foundations. Prudential Financial was there and committed to build a \$1 billion impact investing portfolio with a focus on eliminating barriers to financial and social mobility. Others’ commitments were more akin to FSM’s \$9.5 million. But we were the only faith-based institution represented.

Mr. Greenblatt called the meeting to order a little after 9 a.m. Next to speak from the Administration was Valerie Jarrett, one of three senior advisors to President Obama and perhaps his most trusted. She passed along to the assembly the President’s greetings and his gratitude to those making commitments to impact investing. She highlighted the Administration’s understanding of the need for a working partnership between the public and private sectors to create change in addressing domestic and global social and environmental challenges.



A good number of senior White House and Administration officials made presentations, including:



**Unlocking Private Sector Impact Investment**

- Tom Kalil, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Sarah Bloom Raskin, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury (second in command) and former Federal Reserve Board Governor

**Creating New Jobs and Driving Impact in Communities**

- Thomas Perez, Secretary of Labor
- Josh Gotbaum, Director, US Pension Guaranty Corporation
- Michele Change, Chief of Staff, US Small Business Administration

**Investing in a Clean Energy Future**

- Dan Utech, Deputy Assistant to the President for Energy
- John P. Holdren, Assistant to the President and Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Ali Zaidi, Deputy Director for Energy Policy, Domestic Policy Council
- John MacWilliams, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Energy

**Tapping New Capital and Pathways to Scaling Global Development Solutions**

- Robynn Steffen, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Margie Sullivan, Chief of Staff, US Agency for International Development
- Shari Berenbach, President and CEO, US Africa Development Foundation

Other speakers included Cecilia Munoz, Assistant to the President and Director, Domestic Policy Council; and Byron Auguste, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director, National Economic Council.

With the presentations, the morning was like drinking from a fire hose. To sum up, the Administration is making directed efforts to support the growth of private sector-led impact investing as a strategy to create jobs and strengthen communities in the U.S. as well as to advance the President’s global development goals.

During the morning a report entitled *Private Capital, Public Good*, issued by the US National Advisory Board (US NAB) on Impact Investing, was unveiled. A year ago, after a G-8 Social Impact Investment Forum met in London, the Board was formed to focus on domestic policy in the United States. Forbes.com called the 27-member group—most of whom were present at our meeting—an “A-list of impact investing and social enterprise honchos.” The report outlines ways the federal government can encourage the growth of impact investing and social enterprise. Recommended steps include:

- ✓ Remove regulatory barriers to unlock private impact investment.
- ✓ Increase the effectiveness of government programs.
- ✓ Provide incentives for new private impact investment.
- ✓ Support innovative impact enterprises.



In the last segment of the meeting Mr. Greenblatt gave each institution’s representative “up to one minute” to share about their commitment to impact investing. What follows is a fairly accurate recounting of what I shared.

*Good morning; my name is John O’Shaughnessy, and as their CFO, I represent the Franciscan Sisters of Mary. From their Mission, the Franciscan Sisters of Mary focus their intention on the compassionate care of Creation in collaboration with others. So with a focus like that, it’s not hard to imagine how interested and excited the Sisters are to participate in and support much of what has been discussed around this table today.*

*With their investment program the Sisters have always applied SRI (Socially Responsible Investing) guidelines. Using the SRI guidelines has helped the Sisters avoid profiting from businesses that we consider do harm in some way.*

*But the SRI didn’t seem enough as it did little to further the Sisters’ mission and focus.*

*A few years ago I came across a video on YouTube, a presentation on Mission-Related Investments at the SoCap Conference held in San Francisco, California. The video showed a path to how an institution could actually further their mission while generating financial returns from their investments. Wow! It was a “God” moment for us!*

*So from that first moment a few years ago, and with help along the way, I am here today to announce the Sisters’ commitment to place \$9.5 million in mission/impact investments.*



*Our main helper has been Imprint Capital, who serves as our advisor for mission investments. We could not do it without them. They have been magnificent.*

*The Sisters were all very excited and grateful to have received an invitation to this White House meeting. They are very interested in actively sharing their story about mission/impact investing with others, particularly Catholic institutions, and our being here today will certainly help that effort.*

As the meeting wrapped up, it was announced that a bus was waiting outside to immediately transport the members of the US NAB to Capitol Hill, where they would speak to congressional staffers about the Board’s report and the discussions held at the White House Roundtable. I decided my mission for the next several minutes would be to find passage on that bus.

When the meeting concluded the room burst into conversation, but I had no time for idle chitchat. I was a man on a mission, hot on the trail of a waiting bus. Step one—identify someone who knows the way out. Step two—identify someone else after person one gets lost.

I latched onto the right cluster of wandering nomads and we eventually found daylight.

The very nomads to whom I latched were those for whom the bus was waiting. I encountered no resistance in boarding their bus. The bus had many vacancies, and my new bus-mates seemed quite pleased I had joined their ranks. “The more the merrier” attitude pervaded the merry mix of excited chatter. As the bus pulled away

for its two-mile uphill trek, I dialed our FSM PR office to give word that we had just been given the green light to distribute our press release about the roundtable—approved in advance by the White House.

My bus-mates and I disembarked about four blocks from the Capitol as security required. I made some fascinating new acquaintances, all interested in the FSM story.

Coming from Constitution Avenue after rounding a bend, we found ourselves at the entrance to the US Capitol. Comfortably dressed tourists waited in orderly lines a few dozen feet from the doorways. We scooted right past them. Our arrival was expected.

A gold pin adorned the suit lapel of the tall, sturdy gentleman who carried an air of authority. “Is everyone here?” he asked. We passed through the doors and the day’s second security gauntlet, then up a bank of escalators and on to a desk to check in. Mine was the only name that did not appear on the approved list, but after sharing some personal information, I received a badge for admittance.

Lined by rich wood-paneled walls, the meeting room held many rows of chairs occupied by dozens of congressional staffers and interns, none of whom appeared older than 22. The first speakers were US Rep. Todd Young (R-IN) and US Rep. John Delaney (D-MD), congressmen who are building bipartisan support for the federal funding of Pay for Success (aka Social Impact Bonds). Pay for Success is performance-based contracting between government and social service providers; the government pays providers only if targeted outcomes—e.g., reduced recidivism or improved health outcomes—are achieved. It funds what works.

Tracy Palandjian and Matt Bannick, co-chairs of the US NAB, tag-teamed presenting the essentials from the Board’s report and took questions. Others then briefed the congressional young staffers/interns on particulars from the morning’s roundtable.

Well into the 90-minute briefing, I found an e-mail with contact information for the religion reporter from the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*, who wanted details about the White House meeting. I stepped into the hall and finished my 15-minute conversation with the reporter just as the briefing was letting out. I rejoined my new friends as we made our way out of the building and back to the bus, snapping photos to commemorate the afternoon’s adventure.

Back on the bus we were whisked to the last event of the day, a late-afternoon gathering at 1776, a creative business incubator that helps startups. (The following week President Barack Obama visited 1776 to greet entrepreneurs and make remarks about the newly released jobs report.) On the menu was a panel discussion including members of the US NAB and social entrepreneurs.

But I had missed lunch, and the topic proved repetitious for me.

It was 5:45 p.m. Time to go home.



# Sisters in the Spotlight



**Jeanne Derer, FSM**, received the 2014 Franciscan Federation Award for the Franciscan Sisters of Mary at the 2014 Franciscan Federation Banquet Sunday, July 20, in St. Louis. The theme of the conference was *Cultivating Kindom Power*, and honorees are Franciscans who “are open to change and have exhibited some of the following criteria:

- Someone who creates a sense of hospitality/inclusivity
- One who works toward widening our circles of compassion to include those persons who are often overlooked or excluded
- Someone who lives out of a deliberate contemplative awareness that embraces all creation.”

Sr. Jeanne is certainly known for her hospitality. But as head of the External Implementation Group for the FSM Focus on compassionate care of creation, she has worked hard to raise awareness of the dangers of the smoldering underground fire in the Bridgeton Landfill and to bring about the safe removal of the radioactive wastes illegally dumped in the adjacent West Lake Landfill. “She has led FSM-sponsored prayer vigils at the landfills; attended community meetings on the issue; and supported phone, e-mail, and letter campaigns to urge elected officials to take action. . . . The External Implementation Group sponsors many initiatives, including learning about and planting trees and encouraging recycling and other Earth-friendly practices.

“A true Franciscan, she embraces all creation and creatures as her sister and brother.”

Congratulations, Sr. Jeanne!



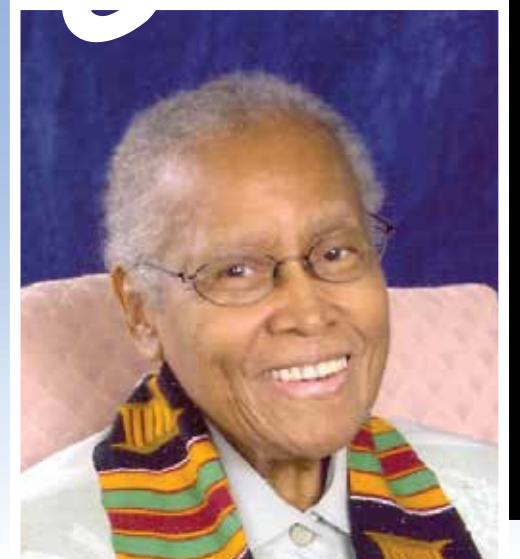
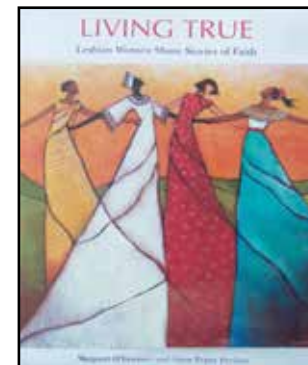
**Jeanne M. Meurer, FSM**, received the “Legend in Nursing” Award at the Third Annual Nurse of the Year Awards hosted by the March of Dimes Saturday evening, October 25, at the Renaissance St. Louis Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis. Twenty nurses were honored at the gala. Sr. Jeanne received the “Legend in Nursing” award as “a nurse who has displayed excellence throughout his or her career and has been a leader and helped to shape his or her field of nursing.” She is well known for her pioneering leadership in the field of Nurse Midwifery.

Congratulations, Sr. Jeanne!



**Marge O’Gorman, FSM**, with Anne Peper Perkins, edited the book *Living True: Lesbian Women Share Stories of Faith*, published by PenUltimate Press in St. Louis. The work is an anthology of essays on Catholic spirituality by women who have “come out” and are striving to live authentically. The work was reviewed by the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*.

Congratulations, Sr. Marge!



**Antona Ebo, FSM**, was featured in the program *Following in the Footsteps of Women of Faith*, hosted by Opera Theatre of St. Louis on Tuesday evening, June 10, at the Missouri History Museum as part of the community education programming done in conjunction with Opera Theatre’s new production of Francis Poulenc’s *Dialogues of the Carmelites*. The panel discussion highlighted the stories “of iconic women who have led others through their beliefs, and in some cases made the ultimate sacrifice while doing so. From the time of Poulenc’s Carmelite nuns during the French Revolution to recent political events across the globe, women of faith have risked their lives by taking defining stands for their beliefs. The panel features **Sister Mary Antona Ebo**, who famously took part in the American Civil Rights movement following Bloody Sunday in Selma, Alabama.”

Congratulations, Sr. Antona!



*September 7, 1915 – May 15, 2014*

Mary Norko was born September 7, 1915, in Erie, Pennsylvania, one of ten children (four girls, six boys) born to Paul and Teresia (Brandt) Norko. After sixth grade she left school to help her mother care for the family. The family moved to Michigan when she was 14, and for some years she worked for General Motors there, helping to build automobiles.

Walking her grandmother to Sacred Heart Church for daily mass, she became interested in entering the convent, noting the sisters' strong prayer life. After considering another congregation, she contacted Mother Concordia Puppenthal and entered the Sisters of St. Mary on June 18, 1938. She received the name Sr. Helen Marie, and she professed final vows February 11, 1946.

She provided housekeeping at Mount Saint Rose in St. Louis (1942–1944); at St. Eugene's Hospital in Dillon, South Carolina (1944–1948; 1950–1957; 1964–1965); at St. Francis Hospital in Blue Island, Illinois (1948–1950; 1957–1962); and at St. Mary's Infirmary in St. Louis (1962; 1965–1966; 1967–1968; 1969–1974). In 1974 she moved to St. Mary's Ringling in Baraboo, Wisconsin, serving as a housekeeping assistant and dietary aide there until in 1994 she retired, moving to St. Louis. She continued to volunteer at St. Mary of the Angels Convent. She moved to The Sarah Community in August 2010.

Sr. Helen enjoyed reading, especially mysteries and history; movies, and music. She loved to walk.

On May 15, 2014, Sr. Helen Marie left this life for eternal joy with her beloved Lord.



*“Come and Inherit All That Has Been Prepared for You!”*

*January 19, 1921 – September 11, 2014*

Born January 19, 1921, in St. Louis, Rose Ann Poetz was eighth of eleven children born to Henry and Rose L. (Schulte) Poetz.

On October 7, 1943, she entered the Sisters of St. Mary (SSM). Two sisters, Sr. Mary Rose Catherine Poetz and Sr. Mary Cloud Poetz, were also SSM. Rose Ann received the name Sr. Mary of the Angels, and she professed final vows June 5, 1949. She earned her BSN (1951) and MSN (1967) from Saint Louis University. In 1985 she completed a certificate in Corporate Ministry, also from Saint Louis University.

She supervised nursing at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis (until 1956) and St. Mary's Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin (1956–1962), then served as instructor and assistant director of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, Kansas City (1962–1965).

She was a nurse and community director for 16 months at Clinica Santa Isabel in LaPaz, Bolivia, until the SSM withdrew from Bolivia in October 1968.

She was assistant director of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, Madison, Wisconsin, until 1973. From 1973 to 1982 she served at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, supervising surgery and ambulatory care.

After directing FSM Sister Services for a year, she was pastoral care associate and chaplain at St. Mary's Health Center until retiring in 1994. She moved to The Sarah Community in July 2011.

Sr. Rose Ann saw the good in everyone. Deeply compassionate, she knew intuitively when someone needed a kind word or a helping hand. She was always grateful for the care she received in her later years.

On Thursday, September 11, 2014, Sr. Rose Ann joined her beloved Jesus for eternity.



*“Arise,  
My Beloved,  
and Come!”*

Congratulations to  
our 2014 Jubilarians



Sr. Mary Celine Gress



Sr. Mary Dorine Wittenbrink



80 Years  
in religious life PEARL





Sr. Francita Barringhaus



Sr. Mary Juliana Droste



Sr. Mary Elmendorf



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