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THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

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Founded in 1872, the Franciscan Sisters of Mary is a religious congregation of women within the Roman Catholic Church. Committed to their mission to be the presence of the loving, serving, compassionate, healing Jesus, the Franciscan Sisters of Mary focus the power of their intention on compassionate care of Creation in collaboration with others.

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Message from Susan Scholl, FSM, President Franciscan Sisters of Mary

The journey that the FSM continue is one of moving forward, being open to where the path has led and may lead us, and open to the surprises, always confident that the Spirit continues to guide us—as has been our experience over these many years.

As this edition of *FSM Magazine* goes to press, we are savoring the journey of Pope Francis to the United States, a journey that took him to only three cities, but in his relatively short time here he touched innumerable lives. He didn't just go through the motions on this journey—he was attentive to the moment, palpably and visibly present to each and every individual he encountered, listening with his heart and eyes, providing healing touch, being open to every opportunity to encounter another. His actions continually and consistently spoke as loudly as his words.

And just so our FSM journey continues for the next four years: in the model of Pope Francis and St. Francis, we strive to be open to the opportunities presented to us to touch lives, to make a difference, to be “present” each day to all that lies in our path. “Preach to the people, and use words if necessary,” said St. Francis. Such “preaching” requires a listening stance, discernment, and attentiveness, to the present moment and to the opportunities presented us—in particular opportunities to further our Focus of compassionate care of Creation.

We continue on a journey into the future, our future, but we always remain open to wherever the path may lead. Each day weaves together the past and present with an eye to the future; ever listening to the Spirit, we remain open to many opportunities, especially opportunities to address the global crisis in climate change. Challenges—new and continuing—of course await us, but we remain open to the surprise of the Spirit, the same Spirit who in 2011 led us to our Focus—compassionate care of Creation—and the challenge to learn how to live in harmony with all God's creatures and Creation!

While our 2015 Chapter affirmed the direction of our journey, the specifics of where that journey will take us in the coming four years are unknown. We know we are being called to expand our collaboration with others in ways we cannot at present foresee, and we look forward, with optimism and great energy, to forming and deepening these new relationships! And we are particularly grateful for each of you who have traveled—and continue to travel—this journey with us!

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Susan Scholl, FSM". The script is fluid and cursive.

The Journey Continues

On September 1, 2015, the newly elected Leadership Team for the Franciscan Sisters of Mary began their journey of the next four years.

The new team is composed of:

Sr. Susan Scholl, President

Sr. Judith A. Bell, Councilor

Sr. Frances M. Haarmann, Councilor

Sr. Kathleen M. Buchheit, Councilor

One—Sr. Susan—carries on the culture of the previous (2011–2015) Leadership Team; she was first councilor and treasurer for the past eight years.

All four members of the new team have been educated as nurses. But each brings her unique gifts to complement the team.

Leadership: Grace for the Journey



One of Sr. Susan's gifts of experience—among others!—lies in leadership. Not only has she already served fourteen years (three terms) in FSM congregational leadership, during the intervening years (2001–2007) she was President, Executive Vice President, and Chief Operating Officer for SSM St. Mary's in Richmond Heights, Missouri. Not to mention the four years (1991 to 1995) she served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at SSM St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. She brings a wealth of leadership skills to her service as president of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary.

Ironically, “All I ever wanted to be was a regular staff nurse,” she commented. “But obviously God had other plans!”

Besides sharpening her natural gifts for administration and her business acumen (in addition to her MS in Nursing Administration from University of Indiana, Indianapolis, she has an MBA from Duke University, Fuqua School of Business in Durham, North Carolina), her years of leadership have bred in her a grace under pressure, a calm and wise approach to crisis and to everyday decisions that inspires confidence and peace in those around her.

Truly gifts that will be a blessing to many over the coming years!

Service to Others—Outreach



Sr. Judith A. Bell (Sr. Judy) also served in congregational leadership (2001–2007), and she too has excellent gifts for leadership. Sr. Judy has been actively involved in organizations whose focus is care of Creation and Franciscan spirituality. A special gift she has is for exploring new directions—moving in paths of outreach and vision that take her perhaps beyond the more traditional role of a Franciscan Sister of Mary.

Besides returning to her hometown of Jasper, Indiana, to care for her ailing mother for a year, in the past few years she has served as a parish nurse in a south St. Louis parish, as a home health care nurse as part of CSJ Care, and as a faith community nurse for a senior living community in Valley Park, southwest of St. Louis. She has shared her gift of compassionate presence with many.

After earning certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner, she served in that capacity for five years in the Appalachian area of Manchester, Kentucky (1996–2001).

While Sr. Judy served for thirty-plus years as a leader within the SSM Health system as well, her ministry to communities beyond the health care system founded by the congregation provides a breadth of experience that will be a special gift for the leadership team and for the FSM congregation as a whole.

Compassion



A graduate of Saint Louis University with a BSN, Sr. Frances Haarmann (Sr. Fran) has enjoyed multifaceted experiences in nursing. She ministered within SSM Health in Missouri, Illinois, and South Carolina. Medical-surgical nursing was her first love, grounding her for leadership and supervisory roles for in-patient care as well as for home health and hospice nursing.

For many years Sr. Fran ministered in a special way with the elder Franciscan Sisters of Mary. As community director for the sisters in Our Lady of Victories (skilled nursing) at St. Mary of the Angels Convent from 1998 until the completion of the move to The Sarah Community in 2011, she was called to a special ministry of compassion.

Sr. Fran cared for the many needs, great and small, of the sisters who lived at the convent. She went well above and beyond her official responsibilities; for instance, you would often see her at the piano in OLV, playing the sisters' favorite old melodies.

She revealed an understanding and a special heart for this ministry: “It was a privilege for me to get to know my sisters as dedicated women who established the foundation for us to build on,” she said. “It brought me great joy to be able to be a calming presence to someone in distress or in need of a kind gesture and to be able to be open enough to receive the gifts they gave back to me.”

Sr. Fran feels that leadership is like walking on stepping stones: carefully watching where you are going yet knowing deep inside that you are stepping on solid ground. “We developed strong foundations and relationships over these many years; now it is our turn as a team to continue to collaborate, promote and strengthen that growth,” she said.

Her compassion for the sisters will be a wonderful grace during her years in leadership.

Mission



Sr. Kathleen Buchheit (Sr. Kathy) has for many years been the face and heart of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary for SSM Health. From 2006 through 2015 she served as the Director of Mission Integration, first for the SSM St. Joseph’s Hospitals and then for SSM Health—St. Louis. It was her ministry to see that the entire SSM staff understand and carry forward in their work the FSM Mission “to be the presence of the loving, serving, compassionate, healing Jesus.” Among many other responsibilities, she planned mission days and welcomed and missioned new employees during orientation. Her energy, enthusiasm, and 1,000-watt smile have been great assets with solid results: The SSM Mission is

“Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.” And the staff is enthusiastic about carrying out that mission.

Prior to her service in Mission Integration, Sr. Kathy was a certified nurse-midwife, serving at City Hospital in St. Louis; an educator and nurse in Charleston, South Carolina; and senior nurse-midwife at Holy Family Birthing Services in Weslaco, Texas.

Sr. Kathy has also participated in a number of medical mission trips to Guatemala and Belize to provide medical and dental care and education to people who will probably never have access to regular care. In August 2012, Sr. Fran joined the team to Guatemala as well.

Sr. Kathy's warm smile, positive outlook and enthusiasm for the FSM Mission and Focus will help keep the sisters connected to both their past and their future.



Unity in the Midst of Diversity

The 2015–2019 FSM Leadership Team: four very different individuals united by a common Mission and Focus. Each member brings a unique vision and experience to her service, but all look forward to developing a caring, cohesive team to lead the Franciscan Sisters of Mary as they live out the FSM Mission and Focus for the coming four years.

Continuing the Journey

At the Chapter in May, the FSM affirmed the Mission and Focus from the previous Chapter in 2011:

The Mission of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary is to be the presence of the loving, serving, compassionate, healing Jesus.

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

The 2015 Chapter included one refinement:

The 2015 Chapter affirms our Focus and calls us to widen, deepen and emphasize its collaborative aspects.

For this team and for the sisters as a whole, the challenge of the coming four years is to continue along the path already set, to deepen their lives and their sense of Mission.

Part of the challenge will be individual and centered on the congregation—to assure that each sister receives loving care and attention, as well as physical, emotional, and spiritual guidance in light of her specific needs.

The challenge will also be congregational. The team is called to carefully discern the sisters' future needs and put in place structures not only to provide for all the sisters but also to assure that the FSM legacy will live on in the ministries founded and nurtured by the sisters even after they are no longer present. The 2011–2015 FSM Leadership Team began some of these initiatives in setting up SSM Health Ministries, for instance; this team will continue these efforts, fleshing them out and moving them toward maturity.



Gale Thackrey, FSM Justice-Ecological Coordinator, met with U. S. Senator Claire McCaskill at her Washington, D. C., office in mid-September. Gale and five others from Missouri traveled to Washington to urge Missouri's U. S. senators' support for President Obama's Clean Power Plan.



This team is also called to help deepen the FSM sense of Mission with regard to compassionate care of Creation. The FSM will continue to advocate for the removal of radioactive waste from the West Lake Landfill and the cleanup of the underground fire in the Bridgeton Landfill. As the previous team did, they will nurture relationships with area organizations, like Missouri Coalition for the Environment, Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, and St. Louis Earth Day, to encourage local care of the earth in collaboration with others who share their concerns and hopes. The FSM have been and continue to be involved in shareholder advocacy, working to influence corporate policy by engaging with the companies as voting members.

A most innovative approach to the FSM Focus on compassionate care of Creation in collaboration with others is using FSM assets to promote environmental values. Since 2012 the FSM have engaged Imprint Capital to guide their mission-related investing, finding organizations, entrepreneurs and companies that further FSM goals for clean energy, forest preservation, waste-to-value recycling, etc. Even FSM philanthropy is directed primarily toward organizations that further the FSM Focus on compassionate care of Creation. Both individually and as a congregation, the sisters are striving to live out the FSM Focus in every direction possible.



Open to the Future and the Spirit's Direction

What lies ahead for this team and the Franciscan Sisters of Mary?

The past four years saw the move from the convent to a set of offices and a retirement community more than 15 miles away—and an environmental crisis of monumental proportions in their new home. The FSM have moved from socially responsible investing and philanthropy to a new vision for using assets to actively promote their values and Focus. As they've seen their numbers dwindling, they have opened the door to creating a new vision for the congregation's future. And the FSM have proactively relinquished sponsorship of the institutions they founded, entrusting to talented and visionary laypeople the ministries they have held dear, ensuring their legacy will continue on.

This new team is committed to remaining open and flexible, anticipating change and responding creatively and caringly to unexpected challenges and opportunities. Trusting in the Spirit's guidance, these four sisters take up the challenge to lead the FSM with wisdom, presence, creativity, and love—to continue courageously, for the love of God!





FSM Invest in Care of Creation

During the past year the Franciscan Sisters of Mary have taken their Focus on compassionate care of Creation to new levels through mission-related investments.

Year-end reports from Imprint Capital, the company that manages the FSM portfolio for mission-related investing, highlight the many ways the sisters' investments are supporting efforts to reduce pollution and waste, mitigate climate change, and promote conservation, stewardship of natural resources, and the use of clean, sustainable and renewable sources of energy.

FSM investments for 2014 ranged geographically from coast to coast in the United States and Canada and to Kenya, Uganda, Cambodia, the Brazilian Amazon, and many other areas across the globe.

The mission impact of the year's investments is exciting. FSM capital committed to impact investing as of the end of 2014 was \$6,250,000. Here are some specifics detailing how FSM investments have made a difference to real people and to the environment:

Low-income clients served:	53,115
Female clients served:	1,114
Smallholder farmer clients:	6,235
Amount of clean energy produced:	529,250 kWh (kilowatt hours)
Greenhouse gas reduced:	1,788 metric tons of greenhouse gases
Forest land conserved or preserved:	72 acres
Forest land sustainably managed:	16,153 acres
Energy conservation and savings:	1,346,223 kWh
Waste avoided or recycled:	10 tons
Household savings realized:	\$309,076

In striving to live out their Focus on compassionate care of Creation in collaboration with others, the FSM have invested in a wide variety of projects and companies during 2014, under the guidance of John O'Shaughnessy, FSM Chief Executive Officer and CFO, and Imprint Capital. Some of the companies and organizations representing 2014 FSM mission-related investments include the following.

Lyme Timber Company. Lyme is committed to proactively conserving soil, water and wildlife resources. The company buys up land with high conservation value, preserving wildlife habitat, especially for endangered species. Lyme works with conservation organizations to protect such timberland from future development. Timbering is managed sustainably through low-impact harvesting techniques; the company also helps local communities preserve guide and forestry jobs as well as sporting camps and tourism. One of the properties managed by Lyme is the Waccamaw wetland and stream mitigation bank in central South Carolina, home to the red-cockaded woodpecker and the bald eagle, both federally endangered or protected species, as well as seven rare species of plants. The investment performs well and Lyme carefully tracks the impact it has on the conservation of those areas.



Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund (GEEREF). GEEREF specializes in renewable energy products in emerging markets, often helping to generate power where none has been available—with special focus on developing electricity based on renewable energy rather than on fossil fuels. GEEREF sponsors small projects that don't disrupt ecosystems and communities; for example, the company does invest in

small hydropower projects that use energy available in running rivers but that minimize the disruption of water flow. A small hydro project in Tanzania, for instance, provides energy for five villages and a factory, as well as irrigation for a local tea plantation. GEEREF was explicitly formed to increase access to sustainable energy services for those in developing countries, and the company carefully evaluates potential projects with an eye to enhancing local sustainable community development and preserving the environment, as measured by reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

FSM investments are helping small farmers succeed. For instance, their investment in **Sambazon**, a company that harvests the acai berry, a superfood that grows only in the Amazon River Basin, protected 850,000 acres of Brazilian rainforest in 2014 alone. Sambazon preserves the rainforest and brings income to local Brazilians, giving them financial



alternatives to logging, cattle, soy, charcoal and single-product plantations. The area has been threatened by over-fishing, mercury pollution from gold mining, and the construction of large dams. By providing jobs and viable development that preserves the local habitat, Sambazon preserves the fragile local ecology and benefits those who live there.

Helping small farmers and entrepreneurs in developing markets succeed. Preserving the rainforest and other forests that are home to endangered species. Providing clean, sustainable energy and efficient use of power, especially for low-income families. Converting trash to useful products. Recycling. Promoting responsible stewardship of the earth. Reducing harmful emissions like greenhouse gases.



Mission-related investing gives hands and feet to the FSM Mission—“to be the presence of the loving, serving, compassionate, healing Jesus”—and Focus, “compassionate care of Creation in collaboration with others.”

Spreading the Word



Mission-related investing is an outstanding way for an organization to live out its values, and John O'Shaughnessy, FSM Chief Executive Officer and CFO, is enthusiastic about sharing how valuable such investment has proven for the FSM.

While mission-related investing seems like a win-win proposition for faith-based organizations, most have been slow to embrace the concept. John has been called on to share the FSM story at a number of meetings and symposia on investing.

Following last year's June 25, 2014, White House Roundtable on Impact Investing, during which John pledged \$9.5 million on behalf of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary for use in impact (mission-related) investing, John was invited to return to Washington, D. C., on June 16, 2015, to participate in The White House Clean Energy Investment Summit, a full-day forum for foundations, family offices, institutional investors, and others to increase private-sector investment in clean energy innovation.

John also presented the FSM story at the Chicago SRI/ESG [Socially Responsible Investing/Environmental, Social, and Governance Investing] Meeting held Wednesday morning, September 10. The FSM congregation is one of very few large faith-based investors involved in impact investing and divestment from fossil fuel production. The meeting focused on working with Catholic institutional investors to find ways to align their religious values with their investment portfolios.

John was joined by George Hanley, Trustee for the University of Dayton, in Ohio, the largest U. S. Catholic university so far to divest its substantial portfolio of fossil fuels with the goal of investing in clean and renewable energy. Both speakers were invited to share their experience about how decision-making differs among Catholic institutions, the drivers that influence those decisions, and the impact of the Pope's encyclical *Laudato Si* on investment strategies.

John also enjoyed another opportunity to spread the word about FSM and mission-related investing Thursday, September 16, at the full-day symposium *Ecology, Economy and Ethics: Mobilizing for a Just Transition*, sponsored by the Center for Earth Ethics. The symposium took place at Union Theological Seminary in New York City and featured climate activists and representatives from a wide variety of faith- and values-based institutions, including former Vice President Al Gore on behalf of the Climate Reality Project. John was a member of a small panel on the “Divest and Reinvest Workshop: A symposium addressing the role of religious institutions and communities in fossil fuel divestment and clean energy and sustainable community investment.”

Living the Dream

Momentum for impact investing is beginning to build. Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si, On Care for Our Common Home*, calls all people—Catholics and non-Catholics alike—to pay attention to the cry of the poor and of the earth, which humans have harmed through their “irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.” What better way to align values and action than by “putting our money where our mouth is”—by investing the gifts God has given to “feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, heal the sick”—protecting and caring for all the poor and marginalized of our world, human and nonhuman alike.





One of M-KOPA Solar's 250,000 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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M-KOPA Solar: Changing the World

A brilliant success among FSM's mission-related investments is M-KOPA Solar.

M-KOPA, based in Nairobi, Kenya, provides solar-powered energy systems to homes in East Africa (Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania). The package, which includes three lights, mobile phone charging, and a chargeable radio, costs some 40 cents a day for one year and replaces more expensive wood and kerosene energy with clean, safe, and sustainable solar energy. As some 75 percent of families in East Africa have no access to their country's power grid, M-KOPA has vastly improved its customers' quality of life. Since its launch in October 2012, M-KOPA has connected more than 250,000 homes to solar power, employs 650 full-time staff, and networks with some 1,500 direct sales agents across East Africa.

During 2015, M-KOPA has enjoyed two major honors.

At the 2015 Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Nairobi in late July, President Barack Obama made a surprise visit to the M-KOPA Solar site, greeting June Muli, head of Customer Care. He was so impressed by the M-KOPA III Solar Home System and its modest cost of 40 cents per day that he called his press team over to witness the product's creativity and affordability. Its low cost is crucial, as in Kenya and Uganda 67 percent of customer households live on less than \$2 per day.

And in August, M-KOPA was selected as one of *Fortune Magazine's* top 50 companies that are changing the world through core business—a first-ever listing by the magazine.

During 2014, M-KOPA generated more than 21 million kilowatt hours of solar energy for low-income families. Besides making it possible for children to study longer and others, like shopkeepers, to remain productive after dark, M-KOPA's solar-powered systems have greatly improved the lives of its customers, eliminating the risk of fire and air pollution from wood or kerosene—and the benefit to the environment has been huge!

Sisters



Mary Jean Ryan, FSM, provided insights on the Baldrige Award via Skype to two organizations on a quality journey; the organizations were based in Washington state and Mumbai, India. In October she gave two presentations to the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan, Canada, and met with their regional Public Juridic Person (PJP).



Mary Paul Schmidt, FSM, was honored by SSM DePaul Health Center for her 10,500 hours of volunteer service. The award recognized her "For revealing the healing presence of God at SSM DePaul Health Center."



Marylu Stueber, FSM, was honored as one of the founding members of the Archivists of Congregations of Women Religious (ACWR) at the organization's 2015 Triennial Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 27 to 30. The organization celebrated its 25th anniversary at the conference.



Antona Ebo, FSM, was the keynote speaker at the United Prayer for Peace that took place at the Pallotine Renewal Center in Florissant on Sunday, August 9, 2015, on the first anniversary of the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson. She was also invited to lead the St. Louis Board of Aldermen in prayer at the end of June.



Judith A. Bell, FSM, was honored by the Missouri State Board of Nursing for her 50 consecutive years of service as a Registered Professional Nurse.



Betty Brucker, FSM, received the Key Partner Award from SSM St. Mary's Health Center. The presentation took place during the "I Was Born at St. Mary's" luncheon Friday, April 24, 2015. The award was presented to Sr. Betty "in celebration of your many years of leadership and dedicated service to the community and SSM St. Mary's Health Center."



Jeanne M. Meurer, FSM, was honored as a "Hometown Hero" for the Missouri affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM). In honor of the 60th anniversary of ACNM, the organization is celebrating one "midwife extraordinaire" from each of the 53 ACNM affiliates. Sr. Jeanne was honored for beginning the Graduate Program in Nurse-Midwifery at Saint Louis University; promoting midwifery services, especially in Missouri; and serving a mentor and instructor to many nurse-midwives over the years.

in the Spotlight

A Congressional Tribute to the Franciscan Sisters of Mary

On Friday afternoon, April 17, 2015, United States Congressman William Lacy Clay presented the Franciscan Sisters of Mary with a tribute in their honor, which was subsequently submitted into the United States Congressional Record.

Congressman Clay, who was already familiar with the Franciscan Sisters of Mary through his knowledge of Sr. Antona Ebo and her work with civil rights, was impressed when he learned that the sisters were far ahead of their time in accepting African American women both into their nursing school at St. Mary's Infirmary and into the congregation and in hiring African American physicians.

He wrote a tribute and presented it to the Franciscan Sisters of Mary at The Sarah Community. The tribute begins:



Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable and historic order of Catholic women called to the service of all God's children and his creation, the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, who have been at the forefront of healing the sick, fighting discrimination, advocating for equal rights under the law, and protecting the wonders of the natural world.

His beautiful tribute outlines the history of the FSM, emphasizing especially their efforts over the years to promote equality and fair treatment of African Americans. He points out how their "legacy of healing and devotion to building communities of compassionate care inspired the development of SSM Health." The tribute continues:

And most recently, the sisters have added their moral force, spiritual guidance and integrity to the cause of environmental justice in North St. Louis County where neighborhood groups and civic activists are advocating for the removal of radiological waste left over from the Manhattan Project that was illegally dumped in an unlined landfill, near homes, schools, businesses and an underground fire.

Mr. Speaker, I urge members of Congress to join me in honoring the Franciscan Sisters of Mary for their living example of faith in action to heal the sick, advocate for equality and preserve our environment for future generations.

The Franciscan Sisters of Mary are grateful for the warm tribute on their behalf and for Congressman Clay's consistent support for the complete removal of the radioactive wastes from the West Lake Landfill.

Sara Marie Schnurbusch, FSM

April 2, 1933–April 20, 2015

Eleanor Clotilda Schnurbusch was born April 2, 1933, in Apple Creek, Missouri, to H. Edward and Clotilda (Leible) Schnurbusch.

Eleanor entered the Sisters of St. Mary August 10, 1953. She received the name Sr. Sara Marie, and she professed final vows February 11, 1961.

She earned a bachelor's in Commerce and Finance from Saint Louis University (1964) and a master's in Formative Spirituality from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1984).

Sr. Sara Marie served in Accounting at St. Mary's Health Center and as treasurer of St. Mary's Infirmary. She was treasurer, assistant executive director and comptroller at St. Francis Hospital, Blue Island, Illinois, then comptroller at St. Joseph Hospital, St. Charles. A core member of the SSM House of Prayer (1978–1982), she also offered pastoral care at St. Mary on the Mount.

She handled the closing of the Maryville convent in 1987. She volunteered at a Chicago soup kitchen for the homeless. From 1989 to 2001 she coordinated Volunteer Services for Good Samaritan Hospital, Mount Vernon, Illinois.

She served at St. Anthony's Food Pantry, Almost Home, the Metro Homeless Center/Family Services food pantry, and Feed My People. She moved to The Sarah Community in December 2013.

Sr. Sara Marie enjoyed writing cards and watching sports, especially Cardinals baseball. She loved nature. She felt called to serve the poor: "There are so many opportunities to be a compassionate presence, to listen, to encourage, and to pray with others in need."

On April 20, 2015, Sr. Sara Marie completed her work on earth and joined her Beloved in heaven.

Sr. Mariella Stenger, FSM

December 22, 1932–June 24, 2015

Elizabeth Lucille Stenger was born December 22, 1932, in Glennonville, Missouri, ninth of sixteen children (twelve girls, four boys) born to Joseph Caspar and Elise Veronica (Meyer) Stenger.

Elizabeth entered the Sisters of St. Mary November 19, 1949. She received the name Sr. Mariella, and she professed final vows September 8, 1955.

Her sister, Sr. Ann Miriam Stenger, is a Franciscan Sister of Mary; two other sisters, Sr. Jovita Marie (deceased May 8, 2013) and Sr. Mary Antoinette (deceased February 21, 2015), were also Franciscan Sisters of Mary.

Sr. Mariella earned her B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Missouri—Kansas City (1959) and a certificate in Church Music Ministry from Fontbonne College, St. Louis (1986).

Sr. Mariella did purchasing for the pharmacy at St. Mary's Infirmary until 1966. Until 1997 she worked in the pharmacy at St. Mary's Health Center, St. Louis; for 15 years she directed Pharmacy Services. She also prepared liturgies at St. Mary of the Angels Convent. She was a caregiver for CSJ Care in St. Louis (1998–2009), helping elderly people continue to live at home. From 2004 to 2012 she lived with her sisters, Srs. Mary and Jovita, near the convent; in November 2012 all three moved to The Sarah Community.

Sr. Mariella was an avid Cardinals baseball fan. She loved reading and swimming. She deeply enjoyed her work as a pharmacist and valued interacting with coworkers. Working with the elderly brought her deep satisfaction. She loved music and singing with her sisters.

On June 24, 2015, Sr. Mariella entered into the promise of eternal life.



***"To Act Justly,
To Love Tenderly,
To Walk Humbly
with God"***



***"How Can I Keep
from Singing?"***

Sr. Betty Brucker, FSM

October 17, 1924–June 30, 2015

For more than 72 years Sr. Betty Brucker served God as a Franciscan Sister of Mary. Even after retiring she stayed busy with corporate board activities.

After her 16 years (1975–1991) as executive director and president of SSM St. Mary's Health Center and the Hospital Association of St. Louis, Archbishop May asked her to direct Catholic Community Services for Catholic Charities of St. Louis, a role she filled until 2003.

She truly cared for others. She often wrote off unpaid bills. She helped establish on St. Mary's campus the Doorways Interfaith AIDS Residence Program for people too ill with AIDS to go home.

Born October 17, 1924, in St. Charles, Missouri, Betty Ann Brucker was first of eight children born to Raymond and Virginia M. (Prinster) Brucker. She entered the Sisters of St. Mary November 27, 1942, and professed final vows June 5, 1948.

She earned her BSN (1951) and master's degrees in Nursing Education (1959) and Hospital Administration (1972), all through Saint Louis University.

From 1942 to 1972 Sr. Betty headed nursing at St. Mary's Health Center; St. Mary's Hospital, Kansas City; St. Mary's Hospital, Jefferson City; and St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Charles; from 1972 to 1975 she was associate executive director, St. Francis Hospital, Blue Island, Illinois. After retiring in 2003, she was mission associate at SSM St. Joseph's Health Center and SSM St. Mary's Health Center.

Her extensive honors include Doctor of Humanities *Honoris Causa*, Aquinas Institute of Theology (2003).

On June 30, 2015, Sr. Betty completed her earthly race and claimed her heavenly reward.

Sr. Mary Josephine Huhmann, FSM

June 2, 1918–July 16, 2015

She spent her days serving others, listening and caring. Like Mother Teresa, she felt she could do no great things, only small things with great love.

Theresa Catherine Huhmann was born June 2, 1918, in St. Elizabeth, Missouri, to Leo and Elizabeth (Lueckenhoff) Huhmann.

She entered the Sisters of St. Mary on December 3, 1944. She received the name Sr. Mary Josephine, and she professed final vows June 5, 1950. She completed high school at St. Mary of the Angels.

She worked in the cafeteria and dining room at St. Mary's Hospital, St. Louis. From 1955 through 1963 she was sacristan at St. Francis Hospital, Blue Island, Illinois, and at St. Joseph's, St. Charles, Missouri. She worked in the sisters' dining room at St. Mary's Hospital, Jefferson City, Missouri (1963–1981). From 1981 to 1999, she was sacristan, patient visitor, and information desk clerk at St. Mary's Health Center, Blue Springs, Missouri.

In 1999 she returned to St. Louis. She visited hospital patients and served in the FSM prayer ministry.

She did crocheting and embroidery, and she offered comfort and presence to shut-ins. She had a sweet, wry sense of humor. Once, at St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Charles, a sister approached her between the Sunday masses: "Sister, there is a woolly worm on the floor near the altar." Sr. Josephine responded, "Oh! I will take it out. It doesn't have to stay for the second mass."

She moved to The Sarah Community January 10, 2011.

On July 16, 2015, Sr. Josephine quietly left to join her Beloved in heaven.



***"The Lord Is My
Shepherd"***



***"I Love God,
God Loves Me.
All Will Be Well."***

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The 2015 Chapter affirms our Focus and calls us to widen, deepen and emphasize its collaborative aspects.