

## Sisters of St. Dominic, Adrian

60 Years



**Sister Norma Dell**  
Formerly: Sister Mary Leander  
**Home parish:** Shelby Most Pure Heart of Mary  
**Entered:** 1952  
**Ministries:** Teacher in Michigan and Illinois; caseworker and founding mem-

ber of the Bible Center on Bancroft Street for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo; minister in the Afro-American Curriculum Office, a Catholic-public school program; teacher at Toledo Libbey High School; provincial administrator in Detroit for the Adrian Dominican Sisters; director of Bethany House in Olive Hill, Ky.; director of Lenawee Emergency and Affordable Housing in Adrian, Mich.  
**Currently:** Living at the Adrian Dominican

motherhouse and assisting with the congregation's ministry trust office and the spiritual life library.

50 Years



**Sister Mary Ellen Youngblood**  
Formerly: Sister Damien Marie  
**Entered:** 1962  
**Home parish:** Detroit St. Ambrose  
**Ministries:** Teacher at Toledo Blessed Sacrament and New Bavaria Sacred Heart;

health coordinator and counselor at Toledo St. Anthony Villa; counselor for Toledo Central City schools; elementary school consultant for Catholic schools outside Toledo; principal at Toledo Rosary Cathedral and Swanton St. Richard.  
**Currently:** Chapter prioress for the Adrian Crossroads Chapter and living in Adrian.

## Sisters of the Precious Blood

75 Years



**Sister Rosalie Kastner**  
**Entered:** 1937  
**Ministries:** Teacher at Ottoville Local School and Columbus Grove St. Anthony; CCD teacher; teachers' aide; secretary.  
**Currently:** Resides at the Sisters of the Precious Blood moth-

erhouse, Dayton, volunteers for a variety of activities and tutors at the Brunner Literacy Center.

50 Years



**Sister Marie Kopin**  
Formerly: Sister David Irene  
**Entered:** 1961  
**Ministries:** Speech and hearing therapist and chairperson for special education in the Putnam County Schools.  
**Currently:** Living in

Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and active music ministry at SS. Charles & Henry and continues involvement in speech pathology.

## IHM congregation installs general superior, leadership

IMMACULATA, Pa. (CNS)—Sister Lorraine McGrew was installed as general superior of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, along with other members of the congregational leadership team, at a ceremony in the chapel of the Villa Maria House of Studies in Immaculata.

Sr. McGrew and her team will provide spiritual leadership and guidance for a six-year term and oversee the work of more than 800 sisters who currently staff schools in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut,

Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, New Hampshire, Florida and in Peru.

Members of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary also are involved in parish ministries and in diverse outreach activities.

"At this installation ..., we recognize and renew our commitment to living the consecrated life in community and serving God's people in ministry," Sr. McGrew said. "We look toward the future with joyful hope encouraged by the support of all those joined to us in prayer and ministry."

## Victory Noll Sisters

70 Years



**Sister Carolyn Isseemann**  
**Birthplace:** Hamilton, Ohio  
**Entered:** Oct. 28, 1942  
**Mission history:** Ministry in Ohio at Washington Court House, Van Wert and Coldwater and in Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Indiana, California and Michigan.

**Mission work:** Catechist, CCD coordinator, consultant, director of religious

education, teacher training, archives and communications.



**Sister Mary Magdalen Heim**  
**Birthplace:** Philadelphia  
**Entered:** Oct. 28, 1942  
**Mission history:** Ministry in Paulding, Ohio, and in Indiana, Massachusetts, Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada, California,

Utah and Arizona.

**Mission work:** Catechist, choir, home visitation, census work.

## Sri Lankan sister helps one family at a time

RIO DE JANEIRO (CNS)—Sister Placida Lihinikaduwa, a Sri Lankan member of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary, is an example of how one person can make a difference in the lives of many.

At the U.N. Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development, Sr. Placida told of her project to get families out of one of the largest slums in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Besides addressing a forum on eco-farming, Sr. Placida spoke to Catholic News Service of her 10-year work of turning slum-dwellers into farmers.

"When I went to work at the slum, I couldn't understand how they could live this way," said Sr. Placida. "Their response to me was 'What can we do, Sister?'"

Her unhappiness with the situation only increased. She told Catholic News Service

that, after a while, she gave up trying to improve the dwellers' lives and started to think of ways to move some of the families out of the area.

Sr. Placida said she looked around for land that could be farmed near Colombo and used money from the Tsunami Relief Fund — given to help victims of the 2004 tsunami — to buy 10 lots of land and relocate 10 families. The "New Beginnings" project was born. Since then, Sr. Placida and her helpers have relocated 30 families. The subsequent lots were purchased with private donations from as far away as Britain and Australia. She said the families receive the land's deed after four years if they have used the land properly and have prospered. Today, approximately 150 families are awaiting a move to a farm.



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**Columbus Grove parishioners mark church's 100 years**

BY ANDREA SLIVKA  
 Chronicle Writer

COLUMBUS GROVE—Agnes Hoffman has been a parishioner of Columbus Grove St. Anthony of Padua since 1916. She is looking forward to celebrating the centennial of the parish she witnessed grow from its early beginnings.

"It's nice. I just can't imagine living this long to be here to do this," says Mrs. Hoffman, whose parents are listed 62nd and 63rd on the parish registry.

Mrs. Hoffman remembers growing up in the parish and attending the first church and school, which was built in 1913. She graduated from the eighth grade with five girls and one boy in 1930.

"The parish has a big indebtedness to the (Precious Blood) sisters for all the years they taught school here," says Mrs. Hoffman. The sisters taught at the school from 1915 to 1987.

Jeanette Makley, 82, has also been a parishioner all of her life. She was baptized at the parish in 1930 and graduated from St. Anthony's eighth grade in 1944.

"I think we're a close parish in general," she says. Parishioners help with festivals, participate in activities and help each other when needed, she explains.

The parish also has a higher rate of Mass attendance than the national average, a fact of which parishioners are proud, she adds.

Catholics have lived in Columbus Grove since 1860, according to a parish records. Before St. Anthony was established, area Catholics traveled to Glandorf, Ottawa and Kalida for Mass. A priest also traveled from Lima to Columbus Grove once a year from 1901 to 1908.

Parishioners celebrated the first Mass of St. Anthony Aug. 5, 1912.

During the Depression, Mrs. Hoffman remembers it was difficult for parishioners to maintain the church financially.



Chronicle Photo by Andrea Slivka

Columbus Grove St. Anthony of Padua was established in 1912. Parishioners are to celebrate the parish's centennial with a Mass and dinner Aug. 19.

"But somehow people always came through," she says, adding, "a lot of people put a nickel in the collection."

A parish weekly collection in 1933 was \$4.81 when there were more than 600 parishioners, according to a journal by Father Karl Finsel, who served as pastor.

Fr. Finsel asked families to increase their contributions and give a dime and then a quarter, according to parishioner Walter Schroeder, whose memories were recorded in a parish centennial book.

Construction on the present church began in 1938. The basement was finished and used for Mass until the church was completed in 1953. Some parishioners still remember when their fathers took their teams of horses to help dig the basement church, according to the cen-

tennial book.

Parishioners are marking the 100th anniversary with a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Leonard P. Blair Aug. 19 at 11 a.m. The Mass is to be followed by a dinner and comedy routine by Christian comedian David Dean.

Today, the parish has 700 families and 1,800 members.

"People are very generous and very involved in the celebration of the Mass," says Father Thomas Extejt, pastor. "It's great to see a great number of young families."

Fr. Extejt says he hopes the centennial celebration helps parishioners learn of sacrifices made by their parents and grandparents to build and sustain the church.

"Hopefully it helps them be aware that it's going to take a big effort to keep the place going for coming generations," he says.



**Holy Hours for freedom continue in Ottawa**

BY ANDREA SLIVKA  
 Chronicle Writer

OTTAWA—While many parishes observed a Fortnight for Religious Freedom in June and July, Catholics in Ottawa have committed to praying for religious freedom until the November elections.

Ottawa SS. Peter & Paul parishioners began gathering for weekly Eucharistic Holy Hours in early May. The Holy Hours are 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays in the church.

Parishioners pray for the repeal of a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services mandate that is to require employers to

provide coverage for contraception and abortifacients in their health care plans.

"I think we have to do something in our country," says Ed Smidebush, organizer. "I just feel that we are going the wrong direction."

Mr. Smidebush says he and SS. Peter & Paul Deacon Jim Rump wanted to organize a prayer effort after reading Bishop Leonard P. Blair's call to action against the HHS mandate in January. They proposed the idea to their Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) group.

"We were so glad to see the bishops of this country stand up and say, 'We're not going to do this,'" Mr. Smidebush says. "We decided as a group we were going to try to do something, and of course, the first thing is to pray."

The parish's four CRHP groups are each responsible for planning one Holy Hour a month.

The format changes each week and may include Scripture reading, a rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet or litany for religious freedom in addition to time for silent prayer.

Each Holy Hour begins with a prayer to St. Michael the Archangel and a Memorare prayer. Bishop Blair's call to action is also read, and the services conclude with benediction.

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