

URSULINE SISTERS

Sister Elizabeth Marie Brell, OSU

"One of my most memorable days was the day John Kennedy died! In front of me, 45 seventh-graders from St. John's Point Place listened to the newscast. Though sometimes very restless and loud at times, they became utterly quiet and serious persons. I learned so much about them just watching their faces and bodily language! We all sat overwhelmed with the news."

Ministries: Teacher at Toledo St. Angela Hall, Toledo Good Shepherd, Toledo St. Charles, Toledo Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Toledo St. John, Toledo Central Catholic High School and Perrysburg St. Rose; principal at Lima St. Gerard and Toledo St. John; licensed practical nurse at Riverside Hospital in Toledo.



40 Years

Sister Sandy Sherman, OSU

"I always thought that God played favorites and blessed some people and not others. But now I know I am no different from you. It was our first coffee house night for women who worked the street and this woman was comfortable and could be herself in our presence."

Ministries: Teacher, health care, spiritual direction, community outreach.



SISTER OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Sister Angeline Hoffman, CPPS

"Enabling the laity to be actively involved in the work of the church as religious educators or pastoral ministers was our goal since Vatican II. To have seen this become reality during my years as pastoral associate at Mansfield St. Peter parish fills me with joy."

Ministries: Director of the Mansfield-Shelby Diocesan Religious Education Center; director of the Sisters of the Precious Blood northern region based in Ottawa; pastoral associate at Mansfield St. Peter; caregiver in Tennessee.



60 Years

Sister Kathleen Padden, OSU

"The singleness of purpose in spreading the Gospel by the sisters, past and present, of my community, has sustained and encouraged me throughout these 65 years as an Ursuline. I stand in awe of their sense of the presence of God in all and their accomplishments in His name."

Ministries: Teacher at Toledo St. Angela Hall, Toledo Rosary Cathedral, Perrysburg St. Rose, Lima St. Gerard; teacher, assistant principal, principal and president at Toledo St. Ursula Academy; archivist for the Ursuline Sisters.



60 Years

Sister Marie Denise Hoffman, OSU

"The greatest gift was received in my ministry. I was an only child so teaching was a blessing of hundreds of sisters and brothers providing a loving family over the years. Yes I taught them, but the most wonderful blessing was that the children taught me. 'Love is the key.'"

Ministries: Teacher in the Diocese of Toledo for 54 years.



Sister Noreen Jutte, CPPS

"Cherished memories within the Diocese of Toledo are my several years in Cloverdale and Columbus Grove and then 26 years in Glandorf. Teaching primary grades and participation in parish liturgies are treasures. Of course, the people are the hallmarks of my love while I was in ministry in Putnam County."

Ministries: Teacher at Glandorf Elementary School and Glandorf High School; archivist of the Sisters of the Precious Blood.



"May you, with the wisdom of your life and with trust in the inexhaustible possibilities of true education, guide the minds and hearts of the men and women of our time towards a 'good life according to the Gospel.'"

— Pope Benedict XVI, 15th Day of Consecrated Life, Feb. 2, 2011

Blessings

We honor our Jubilarians for their many years of faithful service, love and devotion to our ministries as they live the Word of God and follow the Gospel.

Sisters of Notre Dame
Toledo Province

Sisters of St. Francis
Sylvania, Ohio

Sisters of St. Francis
Tiffin, Ohio

Ursuline Sisters
Toledo, Ohio



Sister Dolores Keller, CCPS

"In the mid-1980s, the Putnam County Sheriff asked me to assist in establishing a shelter for victims of domestic violence. I lived in and oversaw the home while continuing as director of religious education at Ottawa SS. Peter & Paul Parish. It was a very challenging time in my ministry."

Ministries: Director of religious education at Ottawa SS. Peter & Paul; volunteer for sisters at the Emma Hall nursing center.



60 Years

Sister Catherine Nader, CPPS

"During my 23 years ministering in the Toledo Diocese, I taught learning disabled junior high school students in Ottoville Public School. Working with these students was a fulfilling experience. Also, as director of the community's northern region, I enjoyed working and visiting with sisters in five states."

Ministries: Northern regional director of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, based in Ottawa, junior high school teacher of learning disabled students at Ottoville Public School, coordinator of high school religious education at Fort Jennings St. Joseph; volunteer tutor and receptionist.



60 Years

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Sister Andrea de San José Munarriz, LSP

"I came to the United States from Spain soon after my religious profession in 1955. During these past 60 years I have cared for the needy elderly through our apostolate of hospitality in various homes. Very dear to me were the nine years I spent caring for the elderly Navaho Indians in our mission home in Gallup, N.M. I have been very happy in my vocation and I give thanks to God every day for calling me to His service and I ask Our Lord to send us many more vocations. May our mother, St. Jeanne Jugan bless our efforts."



60 Years

ADRIAN DOMINICAN SISTERS

Sister Joan Leo Kehn, OP

Ministries: Teacher in Florida and Chicago; mother-house office of financial services; religion teacher and co-director of religious education in Florida.



60 Years

MEDICAL MISSION SISTERS

Sister Barbara Ann Brigham, MMS

Ministries: Chief medical technologist at Holy Family Hospital in New Delhi, India, and school leader for medical technologists; membership promotion team in North India and the East Coast of the U.S.; pioneered a community health project in an isolated village near Maner, India; parish ministry and mission work in Peru; involved in the Alternatives to Violence Project in Philadelphia, teaching non-violent ways to confront the stresses of life.



50 Years

TDCCW hosts annual convention Aug. 29

The Toledo Diocesan Catholic Council of Women is hosting its 87th Annual Convention Aug. 29 at Rossford All Saints.

This year's theme is "By God's Design: The Vocation and Mission of Women." All women are called to be formed by the Holy Spirit

in the mold of Mary, who is the model of feminine virtue, and by God's design, women are gifted with a "feminine genius" to reach out to others and exhibit a kind of spiritual motherhood.

Dominican Sisters Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz and John Michael Wynne of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in

Ann Arbor are to address the gathering on their apostolate.

John Nahrgang, a convert and seminarian of the Diocese of Phoenix is to present his story of conversion through the guidance of Mother Mary and the prayers of spiritual mothers. Mr. Nahrgang was featured on "The Journey Home" program on EWTN. He is pursuing a master of Divinity at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus.

All women of the diocese are welcome to attend the convention. Registration is \$25 per person. For more information, contact the TDCCW at 419 244-6711.

Church needs women's voices, input, experiences, pope tells religious

BY CINDY WOODEN
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Women can be appointed heads of some offices of the Roman Curia, Pope Francis said, but that will not be enough to "recover the role" women should have in the Catholic Church.

"Women should be promoted," he said May 16 during an audience with an international group of men and women religious working in the Diocese of Rome. But assigning a certain number of women to leadership positions is "simply functionalism," he said.

What is important is to ensure that women have a voice and are listened to, he said, because the church needs their specific contributions.

"When we men are dealing with a problem, we arrive at a conclusion, but if we deal with the same problem along with women, the conclusion could be different. It could lead along the same path, but would be richer, stronger, more intuitive," he said. "Women in the church must have this role," because the church needs "the feminine genius."

During the pope's long meeting with the religious, he responded off the cuff to questions posed by two women and two men. But he also highlighted the stories and ministries of religious he has met during his two years as bishop of Rome and experiences he had previously as archbishop of Buenos Aires.

Amigonian Father Gaetano Greco asked the pope how the diocese and religious orders of men could help religious women find good spiritual directors and confessors.

Pope Francis responded that for both women and men religious finding a good spiritual director can be a problem either because a priest "does not understand what consecrated life is, or because he wants to involve himself in the charism and give it his own interpretation."

Looking for a good confessor also can be difficult, he said. When going to confession, a religious doesn't need "a nice chat between friends," but he or she also does not need "one of those rigid ones."

"In the other diocese I had," he said, referring to Buenos Aires, "I always asked the sisters who came to me asking advice, 'But tell me, in your community or congregation isn't there a wise sister, a sister who lives your charism well, a good sister with experience? Ask her to be your spiritual director.'"

The pope said he once was told, "But she's a woman!"

Spiritual direction, the pope said, "is not a charism exclusive to priests. It's a charism of the laity."

The pope said he was reading a book on obedience by St. Silouan of Mount Athos, who was a carpenter. "He wasn't even a deacon, but he was a great spiritual director."

Pope Francis encouraged religious superiors — of both men and women — to identify members of their congregation who are good and wise and patient, and get them training in spiritual direction.

"It's not easy," the pope said. "A spiritual director is one thing and a confessor is another. I go to a confessor, say

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what my sins are, feel condemned, then he forgives everything and I go forward.

"But with a spiritual director, I have to talk about what is in my heart. The examination of conscience isn't the same for confession and for spiritual direction," he said. "For confession, I have to look at where I was lacking, where I lost patience, if I was greedy — that kind of thing, those concrete things that are sinful.

"But in spiritual direction, I must examine what is happening in my heart, where the Spirit is moving, if I felt desolation or consolation, if I am tired, why I am sad: These are things to talk about with the man or woman who is my spiritual director," he said.

"When you find a consecrated man or woman who cannot discern what is happening in his or her heart, who cannot discern a decision, it's a failing of spiritual direction," the pope said. "This is something only a wise man or wise woman can do."

Iwona Langa, a consecrated virgin, asked the pope how married couples and consecrated people can help each other realize they both have a vocation to love and they can support one another in their fidelity to that love.

The key, the pope said, is to remember that love is concrete.

"Your love as a woman is a concrete, maternal love," he said. The 25th chapter of Matthew's Gospel outlines just how concrete Christian love is to be: among other things, it involves feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting prisoners.

Scalabrinian Father Gaetano Saracino, pastor of a parish Pope Francis visited in March, asked how religious orders, new movements, Catholic associations and the diocese could work together better, valuing the identity and gifts of each.

Saying he would be blunt because "I am a bishop and a religious," the Jesuit Pope Francis told the religious, "One of the most difficult things for a bishop is to create harmony in the diocese."

Sometimes, the pope said, it may be true that the bishop sees religious as "stopgaps" or fillers. "But put yourself in the bishop's place. You have a parish with a great religious as pastor; three years later the provincial comes and says, 'I'm changing this one and sending you another.' The bishops suffer from this kind of attitude."

Religious tell the bishop, "we had a chapter and the chapter decided," he said. Well, the bishop is trying to run a diocese and sometimes it seems that "many religious women and men pass their lives if not in chapters, then in verses," he said, making a play on words while also making fun of endless meetings.