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Precious Blood Sisters with Cincinnati ties celebrate milestone anniversaries of religious life

Sisters Joyce Kahle, Alice Schoettelkotte and Catherine Nader, all of whom have lived and ministered in Cincinnati are among 13 Sisters of the Precious Blood marking milestone anniversaries of religious life this summer.

Sisters Alice and Catherine are celebrating their 60th jubilee while Sister Joyce is celebrating her 50th Jubilee. All of the sisters were recognized at a Mass and banquet June 24 at Salem Heights, the community's central house in Dayton. Additional celebrations were held at the sisters' home parishes or places of ministry.

Sister Joyce Kahle

A nurse for more than 40 years, Sister Joyce retired from TriHealth in 2013 after 17 years as a parish nurse in Mount Auburn and Clifton. She previously worked at Miami Valley Hospital and the Maria Joseph Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Dayton and at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati. She has also ministered as a missionary nurse in Guatemala. Before attending nursing school, Sister Joyce was an algebra teacher at the then-Regina High School in Norwood for two years.

Sister Joyce attended then-St. Agnes School in Bond Hill and Regina. She has a bachelor's in education from the University of Dayton and a bachelor's in nursing from St. Louis University.

A resident of College Hill, Sister Joyce will be returning to Guatemala in September to begin a new ministry working with Guatemalan women.

"I am grateful to God and to the Sisters of the Precious Blood for this incredible journey," Sister Joyce said. "In the words of a prayer my Precious Blood biking companions used, I hope to 'just keep peddling' for some time to come!"

Sister Alice Schoettelkotte

Sister Alice, who attended the then-St. John the Evangelist School

in Deer Park, was a teacher and counselor at the former St. Margaret Mary School in North College Hill from 1970-80. She was also a classroom and music teacher at schools in Colorado, California, Ohio and Virginia. She worked at the Maria Joseph Center in Dayton from 1980-2014 and is now a spiritual care volunteer at Maria Joseph.

A graduate of the former Regina High School, Sister Alice holds a bachelor's from the University of Dayton, a master's from Purdue University and a certificate of theological studies from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley in California. She lives in Dayton.

"Taking one day at a time, seeing each event of the day as God's invitation to follow more closely in Jesus' footsteps, opening myself to God's call in the here and now, growing in ways I would otherwise not choose, and imperceptibly becoming who I am meant to be in God's eyes are all part of the ongoing saga of life in these later years," she said. "May God be praised in all of it!"

Sister Catherine Nader

A native of Farrell, Penn., Sister Catherine came to Cincinnati at age 18 to attend the former Our Lady of Cincinnati College in Walnut Hills. She taught for four years at the then-Peaslee School before entering the Sisters of the Precious Blood. She was a teacher and counselor at schools in Ohio and Indiana. She also served as the northern regional director for the congregation.

Sister Catherine graduated from Farrell High School in Pennsylvania. She earned a master's from Xavier University, a bachelor's from Our Lady of Cincinnati College and an education specialist from Purdue University. She lives at Salem Heights in Dayton.

"I thank and praise the Lord for many blessings on my journey to develop a closer relationship to my God and am grateful to all who help me along the way," she said. "As I look to future, I remember God's promise: 'Fear not, for I am with you.'"