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## Church roundup Sisters with local ties mark anniversaries

DAYTON — Three Precious Blood nuns with ties to the Celina area are celebrating milestone anniversaries, a news release said. The sisters were honored June 29 in Dayton. Other celebrations will take place in their parishes and places of ministry.

Sister Mary Ellen (M. de Montfort) Andrisin, who was a pilgrim guide and program director at Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics until her retirement in 2011, is celebrating her 60th anniversary of religious life.

She spent 20 years in ministry teaching in Ohio, Missouri, Indiana and North Dakota. She was director of religious education at St. Michael Parish in Independence, director of pastoral care at Maria-Joseph Center in Dayton, pastoral associate at St. Mary Parish in Wooster and coordinator of resident life at the community's central house in Dayton.

In 2001, she became pilgrim guide at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue before moving to Maria Stein in 2005. She continues to volunteer at Maria Stein and is an RCIA catechist at St. Augustine Parish in Minster.

Andrisin is a Cleveland native and graduate of Fatima Hall in Dayton. She entered the community Jan. 31, 1954. She has a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Dayton, a master's in science from Virginia State College and a certificate in theology from St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisc. She lives in Minster.



**Andrisin**

Celina native Sister Maryann (M. Veronica) Bremke, who is celebrating her 60th anniversary, has been in education for more than 45 years. For the first 23 years, she was an elementary school teacher and principal in Ohio, Indiana, Arizona and Michigan. She was also assistant principal at Carroll High School in Dayton for 20 years. She was then president of the Sisters of the Precious Blood for eight years.

She and Sister Helen Weber founded the Brunner Literacy Center in Dayton to address the high rate of adult illiteracy in the community. The center prepares adults for the General Equivalency Diploma and offers services to those needing remedial tutoring.

She was raised in the Immaculate Conception Parish in Celina and attended its grade school. She graduated from Fatima Hall and entered the order Jan. 31, 1954. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Dayton and a master's in history from Indiana University. She completed post-graduate work in administration at Xavier University and earned a certificate of theology from St. Norbert. She lives at Salem Heights in Dayton.



**Bremke**

Celina native Sister Edna (Edna Marie) Hess, who is celebrating her 50th anniversary, has ministered in Chile for most of the last 30 years. She currently accompanies 16 senior clubs at Our Lady of the Precious Blood Parish in Santiago.

She began her ministry teaching elementary school at St. Mark Parish in Cincinnati and St. Joseph Parish in Wapakoneta before being missioned to Chile in 1977. While there, she taught English and religion at San Gaspar School and worked for the Conference of Religious of Chile teaching English to seminarians and later, the New Testament to postulants.

She returned to Dayton in 2003 to serve two terms on the community council. She returned to Chile in 2012.

She was born in Celina, attended Carthagenia Elementary School and graduated from Fatima Hall. She entered the community Jan. 6, 1964. She holds a bachelor's in elementary education from the University of Dayton and a master's in pastoral studies from Loyola University in Chicago. She lives in Santiago, Chile.



**Hess**