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*Pictured: Sr. Esther O'Mara, IBVM
Profile Illustration of Founder,
Mary Ward*

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IBVM Leadership

Stepping Forward: A New IBVM Development Team

Dear Friends,

We would like to formally introduce you to the first edition of the new IBVM Development newsletter, “Walking Together.” This quarterly newsletter will be replacing “Connections” and providing new opportunities for you, our readers, to explore more in-depth stories online.

The IBVM Development Team is also back with a brand-new workflow to provide better communication, donor support and ways to get involved. Collaboration is a model we are building on in the office, using the gifts and strengths of each for the good of the whole. Our team consists of Megan Beutel, Laura Schmidt, Jennifer Schmitz, Juanita Rea-Dorn, and Sisters Mary Carton and Judy Illig. We look forward to furthering the work and spirit of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary here in the United States.

Sisters Mary Carton and Judy Illig are your new contacts for all development-related inquiries, donations and involvement. Sister Mary, with her background in teaching and formation, will speak about the mission of the IBVMs in her contacts with donors. Sister Judy, with her skills in administration, education and outreach to the poor, will be providing administrative support and writing letters to donors. Together, they will be the public face of IBVM Development working to improve communication and responsiveness.

In the months to come, we will keep you updated on the plans, events, progress and accomplishments that are possible, all because of you.

In this issue, we will explore the happenings of our ministries. You are invited to utilize the links and QR codes provided to learn more about certain articles, offer direct input via our Development Special Events Poll or explore websites of the art and music reflecting of the IBVMs as we go beyond our borders to know our International Sisters. There will be an article about the progress of Union and of the Canonization of

our founder, Mary Ward. As always, browse our list of memorials and celebrate our Jubilarians.



Sr. Mary Carton, Sr. Helen Timothy, Sr. Judy Illig

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On the Border: Sr. Christa Parra at the El Paso/Ciudad Juarez Border

Immigration is a huge issue world-wide. Being one small group of Sisters, what can the IBVM's do? Quite a bit, actually. In the need for and in the spirit of collaboration, Sr. Christa Parra works at the Texan border in El Paso and Juarez. She lives with a Sister of Charity and works alongside Sisters of St. Joseph, (CSJ and SSJ), Dominicans, and Sisters of the Holy Spirit, among

others. Christa is sponsored for this ministry by the Wheaton Franciscans, and she works through the Columban Fathers in El Paso. Together so much can be accomplished!

One word written large on the walls of the main shelter is ESPERANZA! (Hope). Without a promise of political change or a promise of rescue, these sisters are living a promise of presence and service, and in these, they bring great hope and dignity.

You, our donors working with us, are making this possible!



Sr. Judy Illig and Sr. Christa Parra in El Paso

Mary Ward Center: Expanding Programs

Tucked away on 91st Street, the Mary Ward Center is thriving. Recently supported with a targeted donation for adult education, the Center has added a new position and is welcoming new adults to the expanding programs.

From Director, Marianne Solorio: "It's official, we have an all-year calendar in place for the 2021-2022 year. During the winter, we are planning a 5-week winter program. The idea is to offer specific programs to better support the needs of our students in grammar,

vocabulary, writing, conversation, etc. The winter session will be like our summer program in that we will be able to be a little more creative in how the classes are structured.

For the fall session (as of today), we have 42 ESL students and 11 Rosetta Stone students. Six more students, with a record of good attendance, have been approved to work remotely at this time.

We have continued to stay connected to a resource from the church who this week has shared cereal and fresh fruit with us to share with our students. This has proved to be a help to some of our families in the past. So, I am hoping to continue offering whatever we can when we receive food."



Esperanza Rising - the book and our summer experience!

*For more information on the Mary Ward Center visit:
ibvm.us/About/Our-Ministries/Mary-Ward-Center*

Canonization & Union: Path to Sainthood

Canonization: Mary Ward, our founder, traveled in 1609 through Europe gathering women in communities to meet the needs, especially of the poor, in those European cities. Because she wasn't in a cloister and was teaching religion, the officials in Rome declared her a heretic. Her communities were suppressed. She

was imprisoned. On her deathbed, Mary Ward did not know if her "little Institute" would survive. She was declared Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI on December 19, 2009.

Sr. Elizabeth Cotter, IBVM from Ireland, is one of two main advocates for

canonization, working full time to meet the demands for proof of Mary Ward's 'sainthood.' She collects thousands of documents of favors received, prayers answered, intercession requested, possible miracles and other forms of devotions.

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IBVM Jubilarians

We asked our Jubilarians, “What and who brought you Joy over the course of your spiritual journey. Below are a few highlights. Congratulations to these IBVM Sisters. To read more, visit us online at ibvm.us/jubilarians21.



Sister Augustine Dempsey, IBVM

Joy! We are not strangers from joy. One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, it was infused into us at our Baptism. Our Foundress Mary Ward regarded joy with great love.

We may be inclined to look for joy in big events, in big issues, but let us not close our eyes to the more simple and everyday situations where we find joy shining like the sun after a period of dull or stormy weather. Was it a sibling's reception of a Sacrament or a reunion at an airport after a period of mission when a céad míle fáilte awoke all the ties of love and union? Such joyful visitations remain in our hearts forever.



Sister Betty Crotty, IBVM

The gift of joy is our natural response to God's gracious gifts, our acceptance of life as it is. My joy has come and has been with me, even though not always bubbling up, from my first day until now.

Being an IBVM has allowed me to spend my life sharing the Gospel message of faith and love. As a teacher and coordinator of religious education I have been able to minister to many children and their families in ordinary everyday life, as well as times of great joy and sorrow. Being an IBVM has given me a family of loving Sisters who have cared and supported me through good times and rough times.



Sister Peg Caulfield, IBVM

Seventy years ago, my parents brought me to Loretto convent in Wheaton, Illinois. It was where I was to spend the next three years learning about and living a religious life in the IBVM community. We would take classes at Loretto and get credit from St. Procopius College (Benedictine University). After three years we received our habit and began our teaching career. My first assignment was at St. Cyril School and living at Loretto Academy on the 4th floor-no elevators! I have enjoyed my years of teaching and working in development-working with students and parents and other teachers. I have been blessed and am now enjoying retirement at Casa Scalabrini Village in Northlake, IL.



Sister Rosemary Lynch, IBVM

An atmosphere that helps me keep God as the center of my life. A community of women who are family, friends, inspiration, and unconditional support. On-going encouragement and opportunities towards ways of being of service to others. Reminders that a sense of humor is an essential virtue.

"You have filled my heart with greater joy."

Psalm 4:7

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Sister Evelyn Joy McCloskey, IBVM

I grew up on the far south side of Chicago. I was set on becoming a nurse until I met the IBVM's at Loretto Academy. Much to my surprise, I began my teaching ministry in Phoenix and then continued in California and Illinois. I especially remember teaching 60 eighth graders at St. Bernard's in Chicago. It was so crowded my desk was in the hall! I did enjoy my eight years as principal in California and after several more years of teaching, I went on to become a volunteer at St. Margaret's hospital which was as close as I got to becoming a nurse. I am now enjoying all that is offered here at Mercy Circle. I still wonder how these 70 years went so fast!



Sister Mary Thomas Fullem, IBVM

Jubilee years--my 70th--burst forth with special memories of gratitude, graces received and joyful events. As I sift through the years of consecrated life, the following joyful events are foremost: The deep love I had for all the little children in my many years of teaching first grade, making breakfast caramel-cinnamon rolls or dinner dessert with my specialties of chocolate cake or apple pie, ripping and resewing habits for the elderly sisters, my gift of crocheting, and renewing the Convent by painting rooms. Though the joints creak and the pace slows, there is a rebirth of hope for the future and trust in God's continual care.



Sister Esther O'Mara, IBVM

My 70 years in the IBVM community have been a wonderful blessing. It is not that there haven't been challenges, ups and downs and sadness, but that is life! My very happy times were going out West for ministry in CA and AZ. This Chicago girl just had to leave home! My other delight was in being a founder of two new parishes, in California and Naperville. Spiritual highlights for me were Vatican II, 30-day retreat and Wellspring Women's Center where the women taught me so much about faith and courage.

I now head toward a great ending here at Mercy Circle. Mary Ward's circle has expanded to new friends as well as a different lifestyle and new spiritual experiences!



Sister Mary Lou Wcislo, IBVM

Love and laughter of our sisters gathered. All the many people I have encountered over the years and all the places I have lived, brought joy to me and I hope, my joy responded.

In Memoriam: Sisters of the Heart

Sister Maria Sheerin – Anne Mary (Immaculata)



Born: October 29, 1930

Entered Religious Life:
September 8, 1948

Entered Eternal life: July 18, 2021

Maria was born in Castletown Geoghegan County Westmeath, Ireland on October 29, 1930. Maria was one of John and Mary Ellen (Ryan) Sheerin's 11 children. She attended Loreto School, Mullingar after which she entered the IBVMs in 1948.

In 1955, Maria left Ireland to teach in the new mission, Saints Simon and Jude in Phoenix, Arizona. In 1956, she returned to Ireland, where she taught elementary school for 16 years, then branched into Adult Faith Formation. She served as

coordinator of the Dublin Institute of Adult Education, and also the Coordinator for the Center for Disadvantaged Women in Navan, County Meath.

“Throughout her life, Maria sought to gain more knowledge and expertise to enable her to serve God’s people.”

Her studies included Teacher Training, a diploma in Religious Studies, a Bachelor of Divinity and post graduate work at Catholic Institute in Paris, plus she also trained for and became a Hospice Volunteer.

Maria continued her pursuit of knowledge through many workshops and seminars in Religious Studies, Liturgy, and Scripture. Maria’s love of learning continued throughout her entire life. She shared her enthusiasm for her faith with others, inspiring many throughout her lifetime. She achieved mastery of four languages and her special joy included reading and singing in choirs.

She had a great appreciation of Arts in any form, and her knowledge was deep and wide.

In 1995 at age 65, after retiring from her ministries in Ireland, she traveled to a new mission at St. Matthew Parish, San

Mateo, California working with Adult Faith Formation and as the coordinator for the Center for Disadvantaged Women. After 14 years Maria retired for a second time in 2009 and came to Saints Simon and Jude Convent in Phoenix where she taught Latin to the 8th graders, worked with Faith Formation for adults and reached out to the Phoenix area especially through Jail Ministry.

Even in retirement, Maria always wanted to know what was happening and watched the news devotedly. Keeping up to date kept her in touch with our world and its suffering people.

In her biography she stated,

“These people especially need to hear God loves them. Every day I try to find something to thank God for.”

We thank God for this daughter of Mary Ward who tried to serve her God through her service to others.

Sister Josephine O'Brien, Sister Jude

Born: December 29, 1922

Entered Religious Life: October 27, 1940

Entered Eternal Life: May 7, 2021

Casa San Carlo Community, Northlake, Illinois

Josephine O'Brien was born in Ballinamere, Tullamore, County Offaly, Ireland. She was the first of ten children born to Daniel and Annie O'Brien. At age twelve, Josephine attended the IBVM Loreto school in Mullingar and entered the Navan IBVM upon graduation in 1940. After her Novitiate, she taught in the elementary school in Ireland.

Coming from a family of great faith that valued service and education, Josephine's three sisters and brother all became missionaries. She too felt the call to leave her beloved Ireland Midlands and respond to what God was calling her to do. So, answering that call, Josephine and 4 others crossed the ocean and became "missionaries" in the desert of Arizona. It was there in Phoenix where they started a new foundation, S.S. Simon and Jude school in 1954.

In 1968, Josephine answered another call, to join the North American Branch of the IBVM which necessitated her move to California, and later to Illinois. She taught in Sacramento, Northlake, Oak Lawn, and Western Springs. It was at St. John of the Cross Parish she spent 15 years teaching in the grade school followed by several years in semi-retirement, offering courses in Bible Studies and Ignatian Spirituality. During that same time, she did Spiritual Direction and served as a Hospice Volunteer.

When she was no longer able to live at the parish house, Sister Josephine moved to a Senior Living Apartment where she continued to share her love and care for the people whom she came to know. At 97 Josephine would still sit lovingly with her neighbor for hours helping her through her passage to eternal life. Throughout her 80 years in the Institute, Josephine served her God through teaching, spiritual direction, adult formation, hospice volunteer, and as an active member of the parishes where she served.

Mary Josephine (Aunt Maidie to her extended family) loved her family greatly. She wrote often and phoned whenever she could. Her heart was ever in the Green Isles and with much sadness, she had to stop visiting there in her later years. She loved learning. Josephine was always searching for the ways God was directing her and through her reading, especially on the Spiritual life. In her last few years, she found reading difficult because of her failing sight, but always continued her pursuit of knowledge and inspiration. Josephine loved hurling (Gaelic football) and soccer. One great delight was seeing the games on TV.

Most of all, Josephine loved God, and God's people. Her numerous friends filled her life with great joy. At her funeral Mass, the church was filled-to-capacity with those who knew and loved her.

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Sr. Josephine's nephew, Shane Mooney, speaks at her funeral.

In Remembrance

- ✚ **Peter A. Arundel** + Husband of Helen (Lavin) [E'60] Arundel + Father of Mary Ann (Jim) Opoka, Eileen (Brad) Lochow, Patty Lochow, Peter (Mie), Brendan (Brittney) and dec. Tommy
- ✚ **Cynthia M. Bane** [StFR'61] + Sister of Keith (Kathy) Bane and Helen Gurtner + Mother of Rose Redmond
- ✚ **Mary Ellen (Roland) Beck, IBVM** + Daughter of dec. Roland and Ellen Rabbit + Sister of dec. Jerome Beck and Donna Cronin
- ✚ **David A. Black** + Husband of Laura Black + Father of Joe (Alyssa) Black, Jaclyn (Mark) Thomas and Thomas Black + Brother of Patty Black (IBVM Gala Worker)
- ✚ **Philip Wayne Bottrell** [StMA'54, LSSM'58] + Husband of Annie (DePlonty) Bottrell + Father of Becky Bottrell, and Lisa (Frank) Schaefer
- ✚ **Mary Louise (Coughlin) Bradley** [StBE'61] + Wife of Westbrooke Bradley + Mother of Sean (Laura), Dawn and Vaughn; Madrina to Elana (Lisette) and Moriah (Assaf)
- ✚ **Charmaine Kathryn (Bickel) Brennan** "Companion of Mary Ward" + Sister of Harriet Worman, Cecilia Perkins, Edward Brennan and dec. Bernard Bickel
- ✚ **Patricia M. (Efroymsen) Brett** [W'51] + Wife of James Brett + Mother of James (Carolyn), Matthew (Michele), Margaret (Mark) Valentine, Christopher (dec. Susie), John (Lori), David (Mary), Casey (Peter) Hadjis, Amy (Joseph) Madden, Mary Kay (Frank) Signorelli and Martin (Dolly)
- ✚ **Lawrence Bromley** [E'52] + Husband of Virginia (McMahon) Bromley + Father of Thomas (Nina) Burkholder Johnson, Peggy (Jim Leeney) Johnson, James Bromley, Eileen (Michael) Flynn and Maureen (Thomas) Eichstaedt
- ✚ **Norbert Brossmer** + Husband of Kay Brossmer + Father of Gerald and Nadine (Robert) Davis + Father-in-Law of Robert Baczynski + Brother-in-Law of dec. Sr. Anastasia, O'Conner, IBVM [W'39]
- ✚ **Catherine (Schuler) Calloway** [StBE'45, E'49] + Wife of Robert J. Calloway + Sister of Barbara McAley
- ✚ **Sandra Leigh (Sapio) Cannova** (Former LECC Teacher Asst.) + Wife of John Cannova + Mother of Joseph (Courtney), John, Rachel and Sarah
- ✚ **Lydia L. Ciolek** [StBE'66] + Life partner of Marty Streicher
- ✚ **Camille K. Clifford** [StAD'42] + Wife of Daniel Clifford
- ✚ **James J. Cullen, Jr.** + Husband of Clare (Winters) Cullen + Father of James J. III, Brian P. (Shannon) and Megan E. Cullen + Cousin of Grace Creighton (Former IBVM), Rev. James Creighton, S.J., dec. Rev. Matthew Creighton, S.J., dec. Mary Creighton, IBVM, Robert (Mary) Creighton and Jerome (Gloria) Dillon
- ✚ **Janice Curran** + Sister of dec. Mary Evelyn (dec. Ralph) Scheidt, dec. Beverly (Charles) Carvelli, dec. Audrey (dec. David) Benson, Evelyn McCloskey, IBVM [W'51], Coleene Letke, Terry Tonks and John (Deborah) McCloskey
- ✚ **Marcus DeMott** + Husband of Mavis (Thorne) DeMott + Brother of Sr. Frances DeMott, IBVM [LSSM'48], Sr. Marguerite DeMott, SSND, Norma Killips and Gerald (Cindy) DeMott
- ✚ **Rev. John Farry** + Brother of Patricia (dec. Tony) Taylor
- ✚ **Joan Marie (Paul) Fisher** + Wife of Richard Fisher + Mother of Lynette Macolly, Lanine Fisher, Dana Fisher, Janine Ethier, Janette Evans and dec. Scott Fisher
- ✚ **Paul Francis Flynn** + Husband of Anita (Mayer) Flynn [LSSM'51], (Former IBVM) + Father of Michael Shane (Julie) Paul, Mary Flynn and Carol Ann Bray
- ✚ **Thomas W. Geary** + Husband of Pamela (Murray) [StBE] Geary + Father of Steven (Terri) Wiborg and Brian (Beth) Wiborg
- ✚ **John W. Geske** + Husband of dec. Jackie Anderson and dec. Stephanie Snashall + Father of Mark (Karen), Lynn "Companion of Mary Ward" (Frank) Zetzman, Scot (Cheryl), Anne (Gary) Meilke and John + Stepfather of Tracy Thiem, Darren (Amy) Thiem, Michael (JoAnn) Gerlach and Julie Gerlach
- ✚ **Frances (Lombardo) Giunta Green** + Wife of dec. Martin J. Giunta and Lawrence H. Green + Mother of Joanne Giunta, Marilyn (Thomas) Cahill, Cathy (Ralph) Sorice, Michael (dec. Peggy) Giunta, and Margie (Brill) Maxwell
- ✚ **Patricia Glancey** + Wife of dec. Thomas Glancey + Mother of Cathy (John) Scully, Sharon (Bob) Waite and Tim (Karey)
- ✚ **Joan F. (Dougherty) Haugh** [E'46] + Wife of dec. Thomas P. Haugh + Mother of Gay (John) Tucker, Donald (Carol), Lori (David) Sellers, Robert (dec. Lauren) and Susan (Glenn) Aldridge
- ✚ **Shirley Hays** + Sister-in-Law of Sr. Lorna Hays, IBVM
- ✚ **Ann R. (Del Giorno) Heidkamp** [E'49] (Former IBVM, Sr. Janet) + Wife of Richard Heidkamp + Mother of Michael and Bernie

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

- ✚ **Raymond P. Hummer** + Husband of Barbara (Lazzara) Hummer + Father of Carrie (Patrick) O’Gorman, Gayle (Raymond) Vasil, and Christopher (Catherine) Hummer + Brother of Rosemary [E’51] (dec. John) Fleming, dec. Joan Halper, Bette (Gerald) Moran and Geri Runfeldt
- ✚ **Robert Joyce** + Husband of dec. Barbara (Novak) Joyce + Father of James (Georgia), Jonathan (Kim) and Matthew (Michele)
- ✚ **Mary Lou (Rickord) Kelly** [W’54] + Wife of James George Kelly [W’54] + Mother of Michael, Patrick (Peg), James J. (Julie) and John + Sister of Jean (Rickord) [W’53] Stewart, dec. John (Mitzi), George (Laurie) [W’53] and James
- ✚ **Daniel Kerins** [StBE’42] + Husband of dec. Barbara J. (Kelly) Kerins + Father of Margaret (Tom) Cleary, Daniel (Rosalyn) and Patrick
- ✚ **James G. Kowal** [StBE’50] + Husband of Violet F. (Odell) Kowal + Father of Michael (Kathy), Timothy (Pam), William (Karla), and Gayle Kowal
- ✚ **Rosemary (Kerner) Kyler** [E’52] + Wife of dec. Harold Kyler + Mother of John (Kathy) and Marion
- ✚ **Mary (Kraly) Lovejoy** + Wife of dec. Jack Lovejoy + Mother of Gloriann (Joseph) DiGiacomo, John (RoseMarie), Marybeth (Gary) Maciarz, Diane (David) Rutter and Brian (Cheryl)
- ✚ **Nancy Susan (Grenan) Lufrano** [SJC] + Former Wife of Jon Lufrano + Mother of Dominique Lufrano
- ✚ **Jeanmarie (Buedel) Lynch** [E’59] + Wife of Jerald Lynch + Mother of John (Janet), Beth (Chris) Owens, Billy (Kim) and Bobby (Khanh) + Sister of Mary Ellen Buedel Vrankin [E’54] + Cousin of Mary (Dundas) Rogala [E’57], Sharlne (Dundas) Dziedzic [E’58] Sharon Dundas Haskins [E’59] and dec. Elaine Shigley [E’62]
- ✚ **George Marsh** [StA’55] + Husband of Diane Marsh + Brother of Betty Fiedler [StA’42, E’46], Laverne Pacewic [StA’46, E’50] and Marilyn Marsh, IBVM [StA’48, E’52]
- ✚ **Elizabeth (Betty) J. Martin** [E’48] + Wife of George Egofske and dec. husband Robert Martin + Mother of James Martin, Susan (Randy) Fox, Barbara (Peter) Egofske, Theresa (Jay) Farrell and dec. Joan (John) Ryan + Stepmother of Dave (Ruth) Egofske, Jim (Anna) Egofske, Mark (Susan) Egofske, Julie (Kevin) Cassidy, Maggie (Mark) Jager and John (Louise) Egofske
- ✚ **Charles R. Martin** [StAD’60] + Cousin of Jean Okroi, IBVM [StA’54, W’58]
- ✚ **Jean (Hogan) May** [StBE’46, E’50] + Wife of Leo C. May
- ✚ **Brother Leo McInerney (Christian Brother)** + Brother of Joan [StBE’51] (Ed) Zahorik and dec. Alan M., Bill (Maureen), Lynne and Tom
- ✚ **William Millerick** [E’60] + Husband of Sharon (Cody) Millerick + Father of Alison Millerick (Christopher Szela), Nicole (Steven) Serafino and Melissa Millerick
- ✚ **Josephine O’Brien, IBVM** + Daughter of dec. Daniel and dec. Annie O’Brien + Sister to 9 Siblings
- ✚ **Mary (Heraty) C. Peck** + Wife of dec. Ralph Peck + Mother of Michael, Mary Ann (Tony) Dubczuk and Ralph (Patricia)
- ✚ **Charlean A. (Lyons) Pelekoudas** [E’57] + Wife of Perry A. Pelekoudas + Mother of Michael (Gail) and Perry
- ✚ **Helen A. Peron** + Wife of dec. George Peron + Mother of Nancy (Steve Jr.) Koroluk and dec. Kristen Parus + Aunt of Anne Hyzy, IBVM
- ✚ **Nancy Ann (Barker) Peterson** + Wife of dec. Richard James Peterson + Mother of Ann “Companion of Mary Ward” (Frank) Best, Jane (Gary) Servold, Rick (Sandra) and Mary Peterson + Cousin of Esther O’Mara, IBVM
- ✚ **Mary C. (Cain) Puscheck** [E’51] + Wife of dec. Charles A. Puscheck + Mother of James (Nicole), John (Julie) and Jean (Kevin) Cooe

Legend

E	Loretto H.S. (Englewood), Chicago, IL
LECC	Loretto Early Childhood Center, Wheaton, IL
LSAC	Loretto H.S. Sacramento, CA
LSSM	Loretto H.S. Sault Ste Marie, MI
OLA	Our Lady of Assumption School, Carmichael, CA
SJC	St. John of the Cross, Western Springs, IL
SJV	St. John Vianney School, Northlake, IL
StAD	St. Adrian School, Chicago, IL
StBE	St. Bernard School, Chicago, IL
StBR	St. Bride School, Chicago, IL
StCY	St. Cyril School, Chicago, IL
StFR	St. Francis H.S., Wheaton, IL
StGR	St. Gregory School, Phoenix, AZ
StMA	St. Mary School, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
StPH	St. Philomene School, Sacramento, CA
W	Loretto Academy (Woodlawn), Chicago, IL

In Remembrance

- ✚ **Merrill Joseph Sauriol** + Husband of Jean [E'55] Sauriol
+ Father of Ann Suariol and Amy (Ed) Martinez
- ✚ **Lola Joanne Sell** [LSSM'53] + Wife of dec. Harold Sell
+ Mother of Sylvi, Gregory (Bernadette), Joseph (Susan),
and Sonia (Jeffery) McDonough
- ✚ **Maria Sheerin, IBVM** + Daughter of dec. John and
dec. Mary Ellyn (Ryan) Sheerin + Sister to 10 Siblings
- ✚ **Mary Tafoya** [StBE'49] (Former Mary Ward Center Volunteer)
+ Mother of Bernard J. (Nancy), Tina Marie, Michael A. and
Mary B. (Michael) Hebda
- ✚ **Charles Malachy Usher** [StBE] Husband of Nancy Ann
(Wagner) Usher + Father of dec. Michael and Charles (Beth),
Andrew (Sandy), Patrick (Sabrina), Martha (Jerry) Lamke
and Edward (Amy)
- ✚ **Loretta (Lora) Westland-McComas** [W'51] + Mother
of Claire (John) Mueller, Andrew J. (Christine) and
Rev. Gregory C. (Alice)
- ✚ **Marguerite M. (Maloney) Wheeler** [E'51] + Wife of
dec. Robert Wheeler + Sister of Regina E. Brady and
Thomas J. Maloney
- ✚ **Rich Will** + Husband of Maureen (Ashack) [StBE'59] Will
+ Brother-in-Law of Arlene Ashack, IBVM [StBE'54, E'58]
- ✚ **Marie (Dockal) Winfrey** [E'62] + Wife of David Winfrey
+ Mother of David (Christine) and Charles (Stephanie)
- ✚ **Sr. Margaret Wright, RHSJ** [StBE'49, E'53] + Sister of dec.
James Bernard (dec. Marge), dec. Helen Elizabeth (dec. Jack)
Cleveland, Kathleen Marie Wright and Sr. Anna Doyle, RHSJ
- ✚ **Lewin Wyatt Jr.** + Husband of Lillie Moore [W'60] Wyatt
- ✚ **Sylvia (Calamari) Zawita** [W'50] + Wife of dec. John Zawita
+ Mother of Kenneth (Linda) and Cindi (Max) Eaton

Please contact us for future publications to include a classmate who has passed away.

All of those for whom we have been asked to pray are remembered in the daily prayers and works of the IBVM Sisters. The names of those honored by a memorial gift are listed in the Book of Remembrance.

Canonization & Union: Continued



IBVM Founder, Mary Ward

Sr. Elizabeth says to all who ask, "Mary Ward does not belong just to the IBVM, she belongs to the Church at large!" Mary Ward is a woman of hope for women oppressed

by unjust systems, girls denied an education, all who know they have been misjudged, denied fair hearings or have been unfairly imprisoned. Only time will tell if the miracles being studied will qualify, but we will keep you posted as the process moves forward. If you would like more information about

Mary Ward, the Canonization process, or prayers for you to add to your personal favorites, please let us know, or go to ibvm.us/union or maryward.org.

Union:

What happened with those suppressed communities of Mary Ward sisters from the 1600's? They persisted in small groups through Europe. The small community in York, England gradually became a center for sisters who had reconnected over time.

Some joined together and found still more followers of Mary Ward. In 1900, first attempts were made to bring about 200 such groups into one. Bishops did not allow this and smaller

efforts persisted. Fast forward to the 1980's. Leaders Noni Mitchell, of the Irish Branch, Maria Michael Pelle, of the Roman Branch, and Eleanor Holland, of North American Branch, were determined to work toward a Union of all Mary Ward followers. Sisters from around the world joined for a Mary Ward Pilgrimage with conferences in York, Toronto, Dublin, and shared ministry in Bolivia, Tanzania, and in Rome on the 400th anniversary of our founding. There are many details yet to be addressed, but we are well on the way!



IBVM Korean Sisters - All are looking forward to the dream that we all will be one!



Maria Eade: IBVM, Alumna, Donor, Friend, One of a Kind



It seems to me, donors are interesting people, generous and born-to be-kind people.

Some knew her as Helen, some as Maria Cordis, Maria, or Ria. We all knew her as quick witted and clever. All have laughed with her and loved her art. We worked, walked and played with her. She leaves a legacy of love and happy memories.

Helen graduated from Woodlawn, proud member of the Class of '46. She joined the IBVM that fall and, as Sr. Maria Cordis, was soon teaching or leading at schools in Chicago, Arizona and California. After a sabbatical, Maria, keeping her name, chose a new direction for her life, taking her Mary Ward background, her gifts as a teacher and her love of the poor to work at Good Will Industries and a school for adults. In Carmichael, she met John Pesely and became Mrs. Maria Pesely.

Sr. Arlene Connelly writes:
“Although my memory of Maria goes back many years to times as an IBVM, I grew to know her during the last few years of her life. She was still so funny, very kind, and she always wanted to hear of our Sisters – who was where, what her old friends were doing and anything new the IBVM were considering.

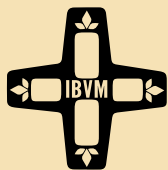
Cultivating her love of art, Maria entered and won awards at 20 different art shows and helped to establish the Sacramento Fine Arts Center to foster the skills of new local artists.



Illness was her lot in her last five years. However, it came to be, we developed a Saturday evening ritual. I picked her up at home or the care facility to go to Mass. She loved tacos, so they were included in the trip. Over tacos she caught up on IBVM friends and events. Needless to say, those years were richer for me than anything I could do for her. I know her love for Mary Ward's daughters continues.”

Maria's estate included a final donation to support the Loretto Ministry of Education. She loved to teach reading, especially to adults. At the Mary Ward Center, Helen Maria Cordis Pesely has provided much needed materials for the students. By any name, Maria has been a gift to the IBVM, and we are grateful.





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