



# SHM Extended Family Newsletter

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## Sharing Time With Our Sisters at the Convent

By Susannah Bourbeau

RSHM Volunteer Program at Marymount Convent invite local Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow parishioners to join the RSHM Volunteer Program at Marymount Convent. There are 17 volunteers in the Volunteer Program, who visit 1-4 times per month, visiting one or two sisters. They participate in group activities or visit with one particular sister, reading, taking walks, or engaging in conversation.

We gathered together for a Volunteer Luncheon on May 9, 2013. Volunteers brought their favorite dish to share. We participated in scripture sharing and reflected on our experiences in the program.



Janelle Bristol, a graduate of Marymount School NYC, class of 1994, offered a computer

workshop in May to Sisters at Marymount Convent. Janelle ran three one-hour workshops. We had twelve sisters participating in three workshops (four sisters in each workshop). Janelle addressed specific questions about email and web searches. Janelle has offered to come back to the convent to facilitate future workshops.

RSHM Volunteer Program-One Year Domestic is being organized and is receiving applications. The RSHM ministries in Immokalee, Florida, and the RSHM LIFE Center in Sleepy Hollow, NY, have requested volunteers. Recent College graduates are being recruited to serve as volunteers in a program that would focus on social justice. The coming year will see more development of this program. If you or a friend would like to visit with the RSHM at Marymount Convent, contact Susannah Bourbeau, 914-703-6412 or sbourbeau@rshmeap.org.

The SHM-EF embraces all those who desire to share in the spirit and charism of the RSHM and their founder, Jean Gailhac, and foundress, Mere Saint Jean. The RSHM treasure the friendships and associations shared with students, faculties, staffs, families and colleagues over the years. All are invited to participate in the SHM Extended Family, which embraces all who want a deeper understanding of the challenges of the Church today and the RSHM Institute's focus on justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

**Join us for an EF Retreat on Sept 20-22, 2013 at Cormaria!**

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## **Celebrating Lives of Devotion, Service, and Joy**

**By Margaret Ellen Flannelly, RSHM**

The 2013 Jubilarians who were able to come to Tarrytown had a grand celebration on Saturday, April 27, in Butler Memorial Chapel. The main celebrant was Rev. Sean Duggan, CSSR, from Ireland, a nephew of Sr. Kathleen Cummins, a Golden Jubilarian and Rev. Senan Taylor, O.F.M., gave the homily on the Easter story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus which was the theme of our RSHM General Chapter meeting in Belo Horizonte, Brazil from June 6 to 27. This was followed by a festive party in the Convent dining room and the Provincial Center. The gifts to the Jubilarians were donations from the EAP RSHM to ministries where

RSHM are involved. The following is the list of EAP Jubilarians as of Aug. 31, 2012:

### **80 years**

*Angela Hearne*

### **75 years**

*Bernarde Holohan*

### **60 years**

*Anne Considine*

*Anne Barat Corcoran*

*Margaret Mary Dunleavy*

*John Bosco Goria*

*Margaret Ann Landry*

*Frances Lane*

*Elvira Leal*

*Virginia McNally*

*Andrew Murcia*

*Eveline Murray*

*Amy Pomponio*

*Miriam Poveda*

*Mary Elizabeth Rathgeb*

### **50 years**

*Kathleen Cummins*

*Kathleen Murphy*

*Catherine Patten*

*(Loretta Ruvo RIP)*



Courtesy of RSHM official website

## **A Call To Action Against Human Trafficking**

**By Mary Heyser, RSHM and Susannah Bourbeau**

On April 6, 2013, the NY Coalition of Religious Congregations to Stop Trafficking of Persons (NY-CRC-STOP), with St. John's University and LifeWay Network, sponsored a day workshop on human trafficking entitled "Human Trafficking" Whose Business Is It? The Travel Industry's Role in Ending Modern-Day Slavery." Sandi D. Mitchell, formerly Human Trafficking Trainer for *Sabre Holdings* was the Keynote Speaker for the conference. We were challenged by the keynote speaker and the presenters of the five roundtables to explore the relationship between the travel industry, travel and travelers to raise awareness of this serious issue and to call all people to work to end human trafficking. About 200 people, many of whom were students, attended this conference and we created an agenda for action at the end of the day.



Sandi D Mitchell

**The RSHM take a united stand against human trafficking. Help support them by attending this event!**

**LifeWay 5K: Race for Freedom**

**DATE: Saturday, July 27, 2013**

**ADDRESS: Van Cortlandt Park, 6089 Broadway, Bronx, NY**

**REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE: Saturday, July 20, 2013 @ 11:59 pm**

ORGANIZER'S WEBSITE: <http://www.lifewaynetwork.org/>

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## **Marymount Alumnae Celebrates the Past and the Future - Legacy Fund**

**By Angelica Hinojosa**

During the weekend of May 31-June 2, 2013, Marymount College of Tarrytown celebrated its annual gathering at Fordham University at Rose Hill. Highlights of the weekend were the cocktail party, awards ceremony, 1963 special gathering, Jubilee mass, and the Jubilee gala.

The reunion was a big year for the classes 1963 and 1978, who had about 30 attendees, many who attended the reunion at Fordham for the first time. Many had positive comments about Fordham's ability to throw a great party and embrace Marymount in the festivities.



Marymount College Class of 1963

This year's honorees for the awards are as follows: the Gloria Gaines Award presented to Kate Gilmartin Duggan, Class of 1963; the Golden Dome Award was

bestowed upon Maria Healy, Class of 1978; and the Alumna of Achievement Award was Eugenie Fleri Doyle, M.D., Class of 1943. Dr. Doyle has been a recipient of the other two awards, thus making this award the "Triple Crown Award" for her. Brigid Driscoll, RSHM, was presented with an honorary diploma by the Class of 1963.



Marymount College Class of 1978

The Marymount Alumnae Association Board encouraged the spirit of Marymount and RSHM connections to live on through the Marymount Legacy Fund, which is a scholarship fund that provides financial assistance to deserving female Fordham students with ties to Marymount alum of Tarrytown. The board expressed gratitude to financial supporters who helped raise \$17,000 during a

spring phone-a-thon event for the Marymount Legacy Fund, thus bringing the current amount close to the mid-way mark at \$500,000. The board continues to encourage alumnae to strive towards the goal endowment of \$1,000,000. This year's legacy scholarship recipients were twin sisters, Annie and Betsy Carter, FC '13.

In the fall 2013, the board will begin planning the reunion for 2014. Should you be interested, please feel free to contact any of the board members at [http://www.fordham.edu/alumni\\_relations/MarymountBoard.shtml](http://www.fordham.edu/alumni_relations/MarymountBoard.shtml).

We look forward to seeing more alumnae at next year's reunion. All graduates from any year are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Marymount College Class of 2003  
All photos on this page by Angelica Hinojosa

## **Having a Class Reunion? Organizing Help is Available from EF**

**By Dotsie Ryan-Beck**

The RSHM community would like to see former classmates reconnect and will provide space for your event. The convent grounds, in Tarrytown, are ideal and centrally located. Need help? It's just an email away at [SHMEF@rshmeap.org](mailto:SHMEF@rshmeap.org) for information on catering, favors, and hotels in the area (for your "out of town" graduates) will be provided. Planning a reunion can be daunting, but with the internet, other social media sites, and help from the RSHM community, you can make it happen. So, start planning. You'll be happy you made the effort when all your classmates get together to renew friendships and relive their "glory days" from high school. Don't forget to bring the yearbook!

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## **These RSHM Sisters Will Always Be Remembered by All- Never Forgotten**

**By Margaret Ellen Flannelly, RSHM**

**Sr. Teresa Martin** died January 5, 2013 at Phelps Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. She was 94 years old and in the 73<sup>rd</sup> year of life as a Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary. At the age of 20, she left Ireland for Tarrytown to begin her journey as a RSHM. Professed in 1940, she began a teaching career in Marymount Academy, Marymount 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Park Terrace and received a B.A. in English from Marymount College, Tarrytown in 1946. She began her long ministry on the continent of Europe – Marymount Neuilly, Rome, Kingston, and Barcelona. After receiving a Masters in English at Manhattan in 1970 she returned to Marymount International School where she ministered until her return to Marymount Convent in 2010 with her long time friend and co-worker, Sr. Maryjane Farley. Sr. Teresa loved the children she taught and they loved her. In her retirement years, needing assistance walking, she became a skillful driver of a scooter that she drove around the Convent halls.

**Sr. Bernadette Donaghy** died on January 22, 2013 at Marymount Convent. She was 93 years old and in the 65<sup>th</sup> year of life as a Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary. She was 27 when she entered the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, initially in Paris in 1946 and then moved to Tarrytown where she lived her entire religious life. In 1956, she was one of the first to experience open heart surgery. She devoted herself first to the religious community of RSHM, to Marymount when it was a secondary school, using her nursing skills in caring for the boarders. In 1967, she completed the Phelps Nursing School program and over the years was praised for her 26 years of service as nurse and later as a pastoral minister at Phelps Memorial Hospital by staff and patients. She was a religious, a nurse, a poet, a prayer, a friend, a helper, and a giver.

**Sister Edna Lutton** died on January 24, 2013 at Marymount Convent. She was 94 years old and in the 71<sup>st</sup> year of life as a Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary. Edna was born in Jersey City, NJ, the third child in a family of six. She met the RSHM at Marymount, Fifth Avenue, as a college freshman and entered the Tarrytown novitiate in September 1939 and received the name Henri. After profession, she began a long, varied and distinguished service to our schools and young people. Her teaching career began in Marymount Academy and ranged from there to Park Terrace, to Marymount Fifth Avenue, to Quebec, to Arlington and to Marymount Manhattan College. She was fourteen years in Europe beginning in Rome where she was principal of the International School and then superior at Via Nomentana, then to Paris and then back to Marymount Academy. She was a teacher of French, Latin, English, and apologetics. She earned her Master's in French at Laval in Canada.

## **Rome Extended Family Moves Ahead**

**By Michaeline O'Dwyer, RSHM**

The Extended Family in Rome at Marymount International School had a day of reflection before Lent. Father Mark Cassidy, the Spiritual Director at the Scots College and one of the priests who comes to Marymount for daily Mass, prayed with the Extended Family and shared thoughts for the Lenten season.

For the upcoming year the EF members will have a day with Dr. Donna Orsula, the Director of the Lay Center in Rome and professor of theology at the Gregorian Institute. She will talk about the role and experience of lay women in the Church and in the world. Sr. Eugenia Bonetti talking about her ministry as a woman religious with victims of trafficking. Another event planned is a talk by Rev. Paul Murray, OP, who will talk about women saints in the Church.

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## **These RSHM Sisters Will Always Be Remembered by All- Never Forgotten**

**By Margaret Ellen Flannelly, RSHM**



**Sr. Colette Mahoney**

died peacefully at Marymount Convent on June, 14, 2013. She

was 86 years old and in the 67<sup>th</sup> year as a Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary. She was born Joan Frances Mahoney in Jamaica, NY to Timothy and Lillian Boylan Mahoney and entered the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary in 1945 after graduation from Sacred Heart of Mary, Sag Harbor. She received degrees in Biology from Marymount College and M.A. and Ph.D. in Biology from Fordham University. She taught at the Academy of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Park Terrace, Marymount University, Arlington, VA and Marymount College, Tarrytown, NY. She was President of Marymount Manhattan College from 1967-1988 and saw the student body triple and the campus grow. She promoted the education of adult women and minorities and oversaw the creation of a Weekend College and other programs for non-traditional students, the growth of the performing arts program and the opening of the Marymount Manhattan Theatre. She was an active member of the Lotus Club

and served as director and advisor to numerous educational and civic organizations devoted to improving the well-being of women, youth, and the community at large. A touching homily at her funeral Mass was given by Rev. Don Moore, S.J. a long time friend of Sr. Colette. In a part of it he quotes reflections of the late Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini of Milan whom Sr. Colette greatly admired. "In front of the inevitable fact of our death I recovered peace of heart when I realized that without death on the horizon, we would not be capable of an act of complete trust in God without the possibility of any escape door.... We desire to be with Jesus and we express this desire by closing our eyes and blindly leaving everything into his hands." And in closing he quoted Hamlet's remark about his father: "He was a man, take him for all in all, I shall not look upon his like again." And to speak of Colette: "She was a religious woman, take her for all in all, I shall not look upon her like again."

**Sr. Madeleine Cain** (Mother St. George) died peacefully on May 22, 2013 at Marymount Convent. She was 89 years old and in the 67<sup>th</sup> year of her religious profession as a Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary. She was born in Washington, D.C. After graduation from Marymount

College, Tarrytown in 1945 having majored in music and minored in business, she entered the Novitiate in Tarrytown. Her talent for the piano grew as she taught music at Marymount College, Tarrytown (1947-63), Marymount College, Boca Raton, FL (1963-67), Marymount High School, Richmond, VA (1967-68) back to Boca until (1970 -76) when she taught music at Marymount Secondary School, Tarrytown (1970-76) and then at Marymount School of NY until 1985-1992 when she used her business minor to serve as the Eastern American Provincial Treasurer. When that task was completed, she resumed teaching music in Westchester elementary schools, in particular Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Elmsford, NY. Over the years, Madeleine loved her students and gave them a great sense of the beauty and dynamic of music. She also greatly loved her only brother, George and his 4 sons and their families. Due to the aftermath of a fall in 2009, she was no longer able to teach music and retired to Marymount Convent where she received fine care and loving attention. In one of the remembrances at her funeral, it concluded: "Go to your eternal reward now Madeleine, join those heavenly choirs and sing your alleluia."

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## **Lenten Day Event Explore the Year of Faith, Not Just the Day of Faith**

**By Catherine Bennett, RSHM**

On Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Extended Family sponsored a Lenten afternoon of prayer.

We were blessed to have the pastor of Transfiguration Church as the celebrant of Mass. His homily was excellent and was really appreciated by all who came for the day. After a light

lunch, we gathered in the Ann Scavullo Room for our prayer time. Sr. Rosamond spoke on **Entering into the Spirit of the Year of Faith**. She shared her inspirational thoughts and then gave us forty-five minutes of quiet time to ponder our own reflections with Jesus. The laity who were with us were very

grateful for the silence (amid their very busy lives), and when we gathered back in the Ann Scavullo room, we shared our reflections with each other. The sharing proved helpful for all of us. Between the laity and the sisters, there were about fifty of us in attendance.



## **Reflections on Vatican II: 50 Years Later Impact Still Present**

**By Annette Sara Cunningham**

In May 2013, Sr. Cathy Vincie, RSHM, made her presentation in Tarrytown about the fiftieth anniversary of Vatican II. Sr. Cathy is a professor of sacramental and liturgical theology at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO. She brought to life the history, politics and ultimately the miracle yet in the making that was and is the last great Church Council.

Listeners were taken back to Pope John XXIII's call for the Council, its beginning in October, 1962 and the events that shaped the deliberations, documents, debates in full council and all the human history of Vatican II. A liturgical renewal was already underway when the Council was announced, but before the resulting constitution on the liturgy was completed, a series of events happened that shaped many aspects of it. Councilors died, documents were suppressed then rediscovered, and experts came and lectured before the Bishops started working together and as Sr. Cathy said "The Fathers found a voice."

At the time of the convocation the Church was living in a context of negative and positive situations: the mutual excommunication of the Roman and Eastern churches; a non-recognition of Protestants as "sister churches;" a condemnation of Modernism; the Index of Forbidden Books; the silencing of theologians including Karl Rahner and Henri de Lubac; the European monarchical model of the church and the perception of the Church as a "perfect society" that contained within itself all that was necessary for survival. On the other hand there was the flow of encyclicals.

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## **Contemplative Prayer: Meditation Group Meets to Heal**

**By Catherine Bennett, RSHM**

I am happy to report that the two Meditation groups that I lead - Marymount Convent and Transfiguration in Tarrytown are up to twenty-two in number. There 17 members in the Marymount Convent and five in the Transfiguration Parish.

Here is a beautiful quote of John Main, OSB (1926-1982):

"Thoughtful men and women everywhere in the world today are beginning to see that spiritual growth, spiritual awareness, is the highest priority for our time. How do we do it? How do we enter on this path? Meditation is the way of growth, the way of healing and deepening our own commitment to life, our own maturity. It is a most important priority for every one of us to allow our spirit two things: first, the deepest possible contact with the Life Source, and then, as a result of that contact, to allow our spirit space within which to expand. Meditation is a profound way to go on this journey." **"From Anxiety to Peace"**

## **Annual Retreat at Sag Harbor is What I Have Been Missing All This Time**

**By Angelica Hinojosa**



For years, I have heard about the wonderful retreat

experience held annually at Sag Harbor but had never made a commitment to attending. During the weekend of March 22-24, 2013, I finally experienced the bliss and peace worth the trip to the east end of Long Island. The Cormaria Retreat House hosted the spiritual gathering for SHM

Extended Family members and RSHM. Evaluations given to the Extended Family Board indicated extremely positive experiences, which I can wholeheartedly support.



It was perfectly organized with talks presented by Srs. Ginny

McNally and Ann Thadeus Marino, reflection times, Tai Chi led by Sr. Agnes Fleming, Sr. Catherine Bennett's meditation, and of course, the company and calming spirit. The scenery is a perfect setting for the soothing and revitalizing nature of the retreat. Due to requests, another Extended Family retreat has been scheduled at Cormaria for September 23-24, 2013. For more information or to RSVP, please email [shmef@rshmeap.org](mailto:shmef@rshmeap.org).

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