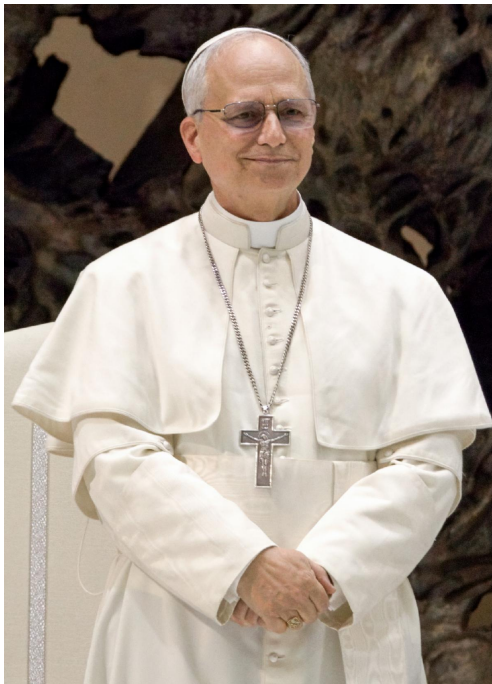


Goodness in Action

A monthly newsletter from
the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
U.S. East-West Province



May 2025 Updates



Celebrating Pope Leo XIV

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur U.S. East-West Province join with the Universal Church in joyful thanksgiving for the election of Pope Leo XIV. A native of Chicago and longtime missionary in Peru, Pope Leo XIV brings to his pontificate a heart formed by deep pastoral service, humility and love for those on the margins of society.

**Read our complete statement
celebrating the election of Pope Leo
XIV here.**



Support Us in Sowing Seeds of Goodness!

Over 221 years ago, Saint Julie Billiart and Françoise Blin de Bourdon planted a seed of faith by founding the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Guided by the charism to make known God's goodness, the Sisters continue to sow seeds of goodness worldwide, educating for Justice, advocating for Peace, and nurturing a vision of a world where all can experience God's love.

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Today, this mission is more urgent than ever. True to our foundresses' vision, we are taking action to build a more just and sustainable world by:

- **Educating for change:** Empowering young people as stewards of the Earth.
- **Advocating for justice:** Supporting policies that promote climate justice.
- **Living our values:** Implementing sustainable practices like a Land Trust and a Consumer Ethics pledge.

Join our mission by supporting our *Sowing Seeds of Goodness* campaign.

Your support helps our Sisters continue their vital work, planting seeds of hope that will bear fruit for generations. Make a gift today by visiting www.snddeneastwest.org/SeedsofGoodness.



Top row: Sisters Joyce Ann McCauley, Patricia Ann Kelly, Marcia Joan Billings, Dianne Shaw, and Kathleen Therèse Cassidy, SNDdeN. Bottom: Sister Barbara Beauchamp, Kathleen Haughey, Catherine Louise Beauregard, and Margaret Middleton, SNDdeN.

Celebrating Milestones of Service in Ipswich

Today, May 29, Sisters, associates, family, staff and friends came together for the Ipswich community's Jubilee celebration! Nine Jubilarians, Sisters Catherine Louise Beauregard, Kathleen Haughey (75 years), Joyce Ann McCauley, Margaret Middleton, Barbara Beauchamp (70 years), Kathleen Therèse Cassidy, Dianne Shaw (65 years), Patricia Ann Kelly (60 years), and Marcia Joan Billings (50 years) renewed their vows and were honored for their lifetimes of making known God's goodness. Join us in thanking these inspiring Sisters for their combined 600 years of service!



Remembrances



Remembering Sister Mary Louise Blanchard, SNDdeN (1932 – 2025)

Sister Mary Louise Blanchard was a gifted and faithful educator. She taught elementary, middle and junior high and served as vice-principal in many Notre Dame Schools throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire. After retiring from teaching, she volunteered at nursing homes and hospitals. **She went home to her good God on May 6, 2025, at 93.**

[Read more about Sister Mary Louise here.](#)



Remembering Sister Lucy Holguin, SNDdeN (1927 – 2025)

Sister Lucy Holguin was a devoted educator who taught in 12 schools along the West Coast and Hawaii, serving as Principal, superior, and Director of Religious Education. She was known for her outgoing nature, love of children, competent leadership and openness to new ideas. **She went home to her good God on May 10, 2025, at 97.**

[Read more about Sister Lucy here.](#)

Highlights from across the Province

Sisters Stand Against Gun Violence

The moral voice of women religious is in a unique position to uplift Gospel values, challenge destructive policies and



embody compassion and hope. Baltimore area Catholic Sisters are sponsoring public transportation ads throughout the Baltimore area to stand against gun violence. The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (East-West Province) are participating in this campaign alongside seven other congregations of women religious.



Kathryn Yanik, East-West Province JPIC Director.



EW-JPIC Staff Attends Catholic Volunteer Network Conference

In early May, our Vocations Promoter, Sabrina Harper and Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Director, Kathryn Yanik, attended the Catholic Volunteer Network Conference in Denver. They met with volunteers from across the country and helped spread the word about the Sisters' efforts toward justice, peace and integrity of creation.

New Issue of Sowing Goodness Coming Soon!

The Summer 2025 issue of our biannual magazine, *Sowing Goodness*, is coming soon! Filled with inspiring stories, this issue focuses on our relationships with the Earth and one another. We're highlighting our communities' actions toward climate justice, ecological awareness, and fulfillment of the tenets set out in Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* encyclical, which is celebrating 10 years since its publication.

Want to receive a complimentary copy? Sign up for our mailing list [here](#).



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Highlights from our Learning Communities

Congratulations to our 2025 Graduates!

Join us in congratulating all of the 2025 graduates from all of our SNDdeN-sponsored schools. We are proud of their accomplishments and wish them all the best in the future. St. Julie's vision thrives through the positive impact of these students.

Learn more about the SNDdeN Education Community [here](#).



The 2025 graduating class of Notre Dame Academy in Worcester, Massachusetts



Upcoming Events

Join us for a Virtual Discussion on Consumer Ethics

Looking to deepen your commitment to the environment? Join us on Zoom and learn more about clothing and consumer ethics on June 10th, 7 p.m. ET / 4 p.m. PT.



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Deepen your Commitment to Laudato Si'

Looking for ways to help address climate change?

Join us on June 10 for the third installment of our virtual discussions on Laudato Si' and consumer ethics. This session will focus on clothing and how to reuse, recycle and shop mindfully

4 p.m. PST / 7 p.m. EST

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3ZI9ch5>

Meeting ID: 978 1399 8979

Passcode: peace

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