

Goodness in Action

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



August 2025 Updates



Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur were well represented at the annual LCWR Assembly.

(Back row L-R) Sister Donna Wisowaty, SNDdeN (Ohio), Kathryn Yanik, Gina Huiet (Ohio), Sister Kristin Matthes, SNDdeN (Ohio), Susan Dennin.

(Front row L-R) Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Roberta Rzeznik, Loreta Jordan (Base Communities), Kim Dalgarn (Ohio), Maria Delaney.

Province Leaders Attend National Conference in Atlanta

The LCWR Assembly in Atlanta brought together a powerful convergence of women religious in the U.S. and executive staff, all driven by a passion for justice and equality. LCWR is the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

The theme, Hope Unbroken: Journeying in God's Promise, responds to the call of Pope Francis who wrote, "Today our world is experiencing a tragic 'famine' of hope. So much pain, emptiness, and inconsolable grief surrounds us! May we become messengers of the consolation bestowed by the Spirit. When we radiate hope, God opens new paths along our journey."

Through breakout groups, spiritual reflection and panel discussions, they distilled their collective energy into a potent force for change. This was dramatically embodied by the Pilgrimage of Hope through downtown Atlanta, a walking testament to the transformative potential of united action. Read about it [here](#).



Series of Hope: Advocating for Nuclear Disarmament and a Lasting



Peace

Speaking of breathing hope into a broken world, the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation department hosted an evening of reflection to commemorate the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Eighty years ago this month, the two bombings in Japan shocked the world and the impact of this violence remains heartbreaking decades later. The virtual event on August 20 was a time to reflect, pray and discuss how we can promote peace in our communities and around the world. For more details about our efforts to advocate for peace, contact Kathryn Yanik at kyanik@ewsndden.org.



Learn about Vocations with SNDdeN

Sabrina Harper, vocations promoter, is launching a monthly discernment Zoom meeting for women interested in exploring religious life.

On the 12th of each month, “Journey with St. Julie” will include prayer, aspects of St. Julie’s story and faith sharing questions. The first meeting is Friday, September 12, with Sister Jo-Ann Flora, SNDdeN as the featured guest speaker. All are welcome!

Register here: <https://bit.ly/4oLoCMo>

**JOURNEY
WITH ST. JULIE**

Learn about the lives and spirituality
of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Friday, Sept. 12
5:30 p.m. PT | 8:30 p.m. ET



Are you following SNDdeN U.S. East-West on our social channels? We have more great news and announcements about the Sisters and their work. Join us!



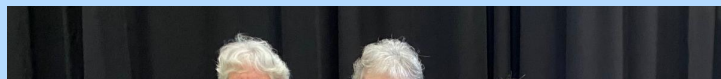
Highlights from Across the Province

Belmont Sisters Celebrate Jubilee

Congratulations to 11 Sisters in Belmont, Calif., who were recognized for milestone years of service at a Mass and celebration on August 24. Together, they have amassed 685 years of ministry with

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur!

- Kathryn Camacho, SNDdeN, 40 years



- Kathryn Camacho, SNDdeN, 48 years
- Theresa Linehan, SNDdeN, 50 years
- Sharon McMillan, SNDdeN, 50 years
- Sharon Joyer, SNDdeN, 60 years
- Nancy McCarron, SNDdeN, 60 years
- Louise O'Reilly, SNDdeN, 60 years
- Joan Bernhart, SNDdeN, 70 years
- Jacinta Martinez, SNDdeN, 70 years
- Ann Carmel Badalamente, SNDdeN, 75 years
- Joanne Miller, SNDdeN, 75 years
- Katherine Nelson, SNDdeN, 75 years



Learn more about our 2025 Jubilarians here:
<https://bit.ly/3HBu43X>



Highlights from our Learning Communities

Summer Vibes at Notre Dame Health Care

Our health center staff takes great pride in providing professional excellence and compassionate care to residents at the du Lac facility. This month, they outdid themselves in planning fun and fantastic activities and excursions for the du Lac communities! Here are some highlights:

- Aloha! The annual luau felt like a trip to Hawaii with the delicious food, festive decorations, Hawaiian music and leis on a beautiful summer afternoon. Steel drum musician Brian James entertained the residents as they sipped fruity drinks.
- A day trip to Lake Quinsigamond with the memory care neighborhood involved sunshine, a picnic and delicious ice cream on the waterfront. A change of scenery and a sweet treat are always welcome!
- Pool noodles, beach balls and a net were all the equipment needed for a spirited game



A lakeside picnic was the perfect day trip for du Lac's memory care community and staff.

of noodle volleyball! It's much more difficult than you'd think and takes concentration and lots of hand-eye coordination. The residents had a ball!



Summer Research Connects Students and Faculty at Emmanuel College

Forty-five students across multiple disciplines are currently conducting research alongside Emmanuel faculty in the college's summer research program.

Getting involved in research greatly impacts students now -- they get a stipend and are able to live on campus during their research period -- and in the future. Being included on published work is a huge takeaway that can open doors to more opportunities for learning, growth and employment.

The 2025 research projects are highlighted in a series of news stories on the college's website. Read more [here](#).



Mural Inspires Sisters Academy Community

This summer, Sisters Academy in Baltimore unveiled a campus mural designed to inspire the entire community. The LOVE mural is a vibrant and deeply meaningful work of art that represents students' hearts, voices and journeys. We are grateful to the Baltimore Love Project and the team of dedicated artists who brought the vision to life. God is good!

We Remember



Sister Caroline Sanchez, SNDdeN

We thank God for the life of Sister Caroline, an SNDdeN for 73 years, who died on July 15 at the age of 90.

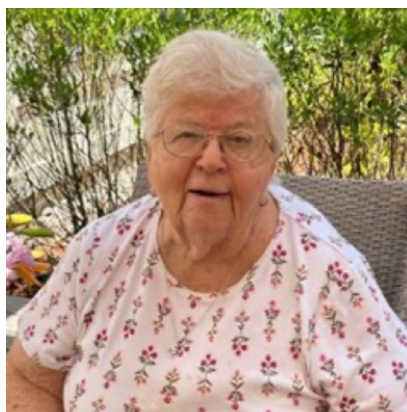
Caroline grew up in St. Columbkille Parish in Los Angeles where she first met our Sisters and which held such meaning for her throughout her life. She served as an elementary school teacher, infirmarian, licensed vocational nurse and coordinator of NDMV in Los Angeles. In 2017, she was honored with the prestigious Benemerenti Medal, a papal award recognizing exceptional service to the Catholic Church.

Read more about her extraordinary life [here](#).



Sister Elizabeth McLaughlin, SNDdeN

We thank God for the life of Sister Elizabeth, who died at the age of 88 on August 10. She had celebrated her Platinum Jubilee (70 years) in June 2025.



Originally a member of the Connecticut Province, Elizabeth was a qualified mathematician. She taught math and religion at high school and college levels. She also served in the ministries of formation, spiritual direction and province leadership.

Read more about her extraordinary life [here](#).

Sister Carole Proctor, SNDdeN

We thank God for the life of Sister Carole, an SNDdeN for 71 years, who died at the age of 91 on July 24.



A graduate of Notre Dame High School in Belmont, Carole worked at General Electric before entering the convent. She taught elementary and high school children in California and for 13 years, Carole lived in Kenya where she helped in the religious formation of young Kenyan Sisters. Back in the U.S., she became a licensed marriage and family therapist and served throughout the San Jose Diocese.

Read more about her extraordinary life [here](#).





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