

Goodness in Action

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



September 2025 Updates



Left to right: Sisters Maria Delaney, Gillian Wallace, Kathryn Keenan, SNDdeN

Sister Professes Perpetual Vows

Sister Gillian Wallace, SNDdeN professed perpetual vows on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at a ceremony held at the Belmont Province Center and attended by family, friends and Sisters.

"I'm very happy about this day and my decision to become a perpetually vowed Sister of Notre Dame de Namur," said Sister Gillian. "My prayer is to bring out the good and to be the good in the world. This is a calling I've felt since my teenage years, and I know it is God's plan for my life."

"I'm grateful to the Sisters for their support, and I look forward to the future of my ministry to make known God's goodness."

Read more in the upcoming Winter issue of *Sowing Goodness* magazine.

Learn about Vocations with SNDdeN

Sabrina Harper, vocations promoter, has launched 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. All are welcome!

Register here.





JOURNEY WITH ST. JULIE

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

Sunday, Oct. 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 mission. Join us!

AND...

We're putting the finishing touches on the new U.S. East-West Province website and preparing to launch in the coming days! While the URL, www.snddeneastwest.org, will remain the same, new features and content will be added to keep you informed about the Sisters' work. Stay tuned for more!

Highlights from Across the Province

Windsor, Connecticut Sisters Celebrate Jubilee

At a festive gathering of Sisters, family and friends, Jubilarians in the Connecticut area were the guests of honor at a Mass and luncheon held at St. Robert Bellarmine Church on Sunday, September 28. These amazing women represent a combined 445 years of making known the goodness of God through their lives of service and commitment.

Learn more about our 2025 Jubilarians [here](#).



Left to right: Sisters Betsy Flynn, Janet Deaett, Joan Farley, Ellen Agritelley, Irene Murphy, Peggy Evans and Kathy Lynch, SNDdeN



Swan Song at Essex Street: Lawrence Convent Closes

Pictured above: Sister Joseph Marie, born Rita Egan (1914-1992), principal of St. Mary's in 1963.

In early August, Sisters came from all across the northeast to visit 1047 Essex Street in Lawrence, Mass., for one last visit.

Since 1946, generations of SNDdeN lived in the convent while working in the nearby parish school and church. Some returned to see their old bedrooms while others came to enjoy the company and take home a souvenir – nostalgic items such as books, statues, plants and framed pictures that made the house a home.

Special thanks to Sisters Maureen O'Brien, Eileen Burns, Peggy Nelson and others who made it a memorable day for all. Read the full article in the upcoming Winter issue of *Sowing Goodness*.



Sister Kathy Receives Award for Decades of Service

At Big Laurel Learning Center, Sister Kathy O'Hagan, SNDdeN was honored for her 50 years of service to the community of Kermit, West Virginia.

She and her ministry partner, Sister Gretchen Shaffer, CSJ were each given the Mountain Keeper Award by the John A. Sheppard Memorial Ecological Reservation (JASMER) board of directors.

Read more about how the decades have shaped Sister Kathy's ministry and impact in the Winter issue of *Sowing Goodness* magazine.

Marking 60 Years in Kenya

Representatives of the U.S. East-West Province flew across the world to participate in a celebration of the Sisters' ministry and presence in Kenya. The activities were hosted by the Kenya Province and featured a beautiful Liturgy, dancing, delicious food and reminiscing.



Sister Nancy O'Shea said, "It was a wonderful day, and we wish our Kenyan Sisters well as they embark on their next 60 years of sharing God's goodness with all with whom they live and work."

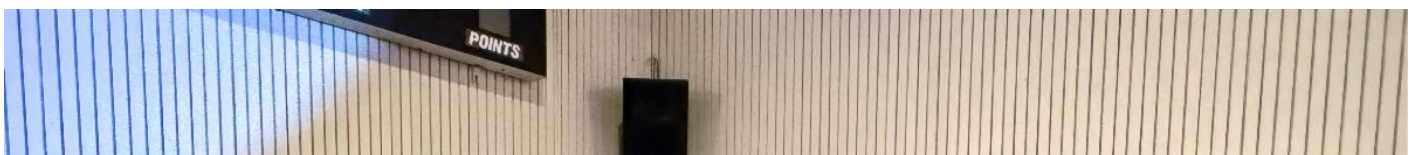
Read more about the 60th anniversary in the coming Winter issue of *Sowing Goodness* magazine.



Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur from the Kenya Province welcome guests to the 60th anniversary celebration.



Highlights from our Learning Communities





Sister Louise O'Reilly, SNDdeN (pictured, front row, in a green jacket) is surrounded by former students from the Moreland Notre Dame Classes of 1974 and 1975.

Moreland Notre Dame Celebrates 125 Years

Sisters, staff, board members and alums gathered to reminisce at the 125th anniversary celebration in Watsonville, California, reminiscing with classmates and connecting with former teachers and administrators. Sister Louise O'Reilly, SNDdeN provided remarks in the anniversary video, and many former students (classes of '74 and '75) shared memories of their time in her classroom. The Sisters opened the school in December 1899, and it was dedicated in 1900.

Read more about the school's history and benefactor [here](#).

Remembering Loved Ones on All Souls' Day

As we approach All Souls' Day on November 2, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur invite you to join us in a spirit of prayerful remembrance.

The Sisters will remember your loved ones in prayer on All Souls' Day and throughout the month of November.

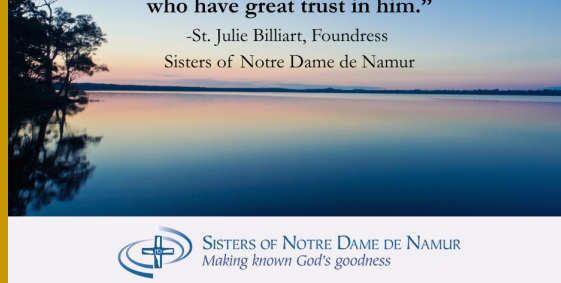
Please share the names of your loved ones with us in the following ways:

ALL SOULS' DAY

November 2, 2025

"The good God wants people to be happy."

- Email your list of names to: to:LMicciche@ewsndden.org
- Call Linda at 617-387-2500, ext. 2011



We are deeply grateful for your ongoing commitment and friendship. May God's goodness shine brightly in your life now and always.

We Remember



Sister Bernadette Turgeon, SNDdeN

Sister Bernadette Turgeon, SNDdeN went home to her good God on August 24 at age 85 after 68 years of religious life.

Sister Bernadette graduated from Emmanuel College with a bachelor's degree in science/biology/chemistry/physics and from St. Michael's College with a master's



Sister Sandy Price, SNDdeN

At the age of 83, Sister Sandy Price, SNDdeN completed her earthly journey on September 26 after 65 years of religious life.

Her most recent ministry was on the east coast of Nicaragua, where she accompanied a small religious congregation of native campesina women. Living among them for

from SMichael's College with a master's degree in religious education. She impacted hundreds of children during her ministries as an elementary school teacher, director of religious education and volunteer camp counselor.

You can read more about her extraordinary life [here](#).

campesina women. Living among them for decades, she helped them learn about religious life, vows and ministry. At age 80, Sandy and other missionaries were evicted from the country by the government.

Read more about her extraordinary life [here](#) or in this [recent interview](#) with a local news station.



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