

# Salvatorian News



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## Team Begins Ministry of Leadership

The new leadership team of the Sisters of the Divine Savior's North American Province includes a college professor, a teacher and missionary, and a nurse. The team members are: Provincial Sister Marion Etzel, SDS, Sister Carol Thresher, SDS, and Sister Jeanette Clarke, SDS. Their term extends to 2006.

The team members' ministries have taken them throughout Wisconsin, the United States, South America and Europe. They will now be primarily responsible for energizing and coordinating the life and ministries of the members.

"At different moments in time, Jesus called each of us to religious life and now to the ministry of leadership. I am serving with two wonderful women in a collaborative ministry to build a better world. This is God's work and we are honored to serve," Sister Marion said.

Sister Marion's prior ministry was as an Associate Professor of Music Education and String Music Education at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. She has also taught at Roosevelt

University in Chicago, Illinois, Manchester College in Indiana, and in public schools in Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Maryland.

Sister Carol has taught at both



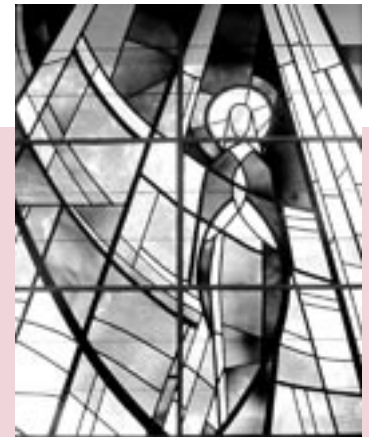
The leadership team includes, from left, Sisters Carol Thresher, Marion Etzel and Jeanette Clarke.

elementary and high school levels. She was also a staff member at the Milwaukee Justice and Peace Center in Milwaukee during the 1970s and 80s. Following this, she ministered to the poor of Brazil over the course of eighteen years. Most recently, she was a member of the Jordan Ministry

Team serving the Diocese of Tucson, Arizona. The team was involved in a variety of spiritual and religious programs for parishes and groups throughout the diocese. She has also been active in ongoing Salvatorian formation on both national and international levels.

This is Sister Jeanette's second term on the leadership team. She also served as provincial treasurer for the previous three years. Since 1977, she has served as a nurse in the Behavioral Health Unit at St. Michael Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She had also ministered as a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, and Wausau Hospital North, both in Wausau, Wisconsin.

The members of the international Congregation serve in twenty-seven countries throughout the world. In Wisconsin, the Sisters sponsor Divine Savior Holy Angels High School, Hadley Terrace Senior Apartments, and St. Anne's Salvatorian Campus, all in Milwaukee, and Divine Savior Healthcare in Portage.



## Bishop Will Rededicate Chapel Altar

On Saturday, December 6th, Bishop Robert Morneau, of Green Bay, will rededicate the altar in the Queen of Apostles Chapel. The Chapel is located in the Sisters' Community House in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The project included renovating the Chapel, as well as updating a convent community and the province administrative offices.

# Focus

Each fall, many teachers, students and families think of “new beginnings.”

There is a sense of anticipation in the clear autumn air. As the new provincial of the Sisters of the Divine Savior, I share the same excitement. Here in the recently renovated chapel, living quarters, and office spaces, I am honored to work with a new leadership team: Sisters Carol Thresher and Jeanette Clarke.

One of my first responsibilities was to receive the perpetual vows of two women entering a new phase of life in our Community. Soon after, I had the privilege of welcoming families and friends of twelve of our Sisters celebrating 50 to 80 years of religious profession. Within a short time, we had welcomed new life and honored those who have said ‘yes’ over and over again during years of service to the Church.

I also have a sense that I have come home to my Sisters, family and friends. I have always been grateful to my religious community for the great gift of being able to minister in places lacking a strong Catholic presence. I look forward to sharing our sacred stories and mission with you. I am profoundly moved by the fidelity of our donors and friends.

Hopefully, in the days ahead, we will be able to meet and greet. Until then, know of our appreciation for who you are and all that you do for us as Salvatorian women of the Church. We remember you in prayer and ask that you do the same for us as we begin a new journey building on the traditions of our past.

Sincerely,



Sister Marion Etzel, SDS  
Provincial



Sister Marion Etzel, SDS



**“You did not choose me,  
but I chose you”**

Jn 15:16

The Sisters of the Divine Savior and the Church have been gifted with the commitment of Sisters Liza Segleau and Bernice Smith. The Sisters made perpetual vows at St. Mary’s Parish, Elm Grove, where Sister Bernice is a homebound minister. Sister Liza ministers with abused families in West Bend, Wisconsin.

“I have everything I ever wanted—God, a wonderful community and a ministry that makes a difference in people’s lives. This vocational choice has provided me with a wonderful group of women who affirm and support my work and my lifestyle,” Sister Liza explained.

Sister Bernice had also been active in her Michigan parish, had a

successful career and owned her own home and car. As she came to know the Sisters and visited with them, she became aware of a deep yearning for “more.” After a time of reflection and prayer, she answered her call to religious life. “This is all a gift for me,” she stated.

## *Come and See*

If you would like to visit and spend time with our Sisters in community, please contact our Vocation Minister, Sister Mary Frost, SDS, at 414.350.5016 or [sistermary@salvatoriansisters.org](mailto:sistermary@salvatoriansisters.org)



Top: Sisters Bernice Smith, SDS, (left) and Liza Segleau, SDS, make perpetual vows; bottom left, Sister Bernice (second from left) is joined by friends and colleagues; and, bottom right, Sister Liza, left, and Sister Margaret Bosch celebrate with the Segleau Family.

# Kathleen Schneider Will Receive Women of Faith Award October 15th

“Kathleen Schneider reflects the kind of service the Gospel demands, reaching out to the poor and marginalized, those lost in the cracks and who are needy in so many ways. “When I asked her if I could recommend her for the Women of Faith Award, she said, ‘Not if it’s an award for ME...only if it would help inspire the faith of others!’” said Sister Margaret Bosch, SDS.

Sister Margaret came to know Kathleen and her husband, Dr. George Schneider, while parishioners at St. Pius X Parish in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. The couple founded the Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic, 9330 W. Lincoln Avenue in West Allis, Wisconsin, in 1995. Today, Kathleen is the clinic’s executive director and Dr. Schneider is the clinic’s volunteer medical director.

She has donated thousands of service hours to maintain and supply the privately-funded, all-volunteer facility. The clinic’s mission is to help the uninsured and underinsured. The clinic has provided over \$2.5 million in free services and medications. Kathleen is the first to credit the doctors, volunteers and staff who are partners with her in this ministry.

“Our patients come from all over the Milwaukee area. Many are working full or part-time jobs with no insurance. They are all ages, races and nationalities. Over the years, we have seen our patients face serious issues. Many live on the edge and are not able to pay for the medicines they need. Our goal is to help them obtain the best possible health care we can,” she explained.

The clinic is open each Tuesday and Thursday evening.

She added that the clinic also helps connect the patients to programs such as Badger Care and the General Assistance Medical Program (GAMP). “I am so proud of the patient care we offer. We have the most wonderful group of ninety volunteers—45 are physicians—and we also have a support staff of



Dr. George and Kathleen Schneider are the co-founders of the Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic in West Allis, Wisconsin. The clinic serves those who cannot afford private health insurance.

nurses and receptionists. This clinic could not exist without these people and our donors.”

Pharmaceutical companies also contribute substantially. “They contribute drug samples and are some of the silent heroes of our clinic,” Kathleen emphasized.

“This work is rewarding and energizing. Even the doctors and volunteers say that after working elsewhere all day, they come to the clinic and get an energy boost,” she added.

The ministry faces financial challenges continually. Kathleen is the chief fundraiser as well. There is no government funding, but area churches and West Allis Memorial Hospital Radiology and Pathology Departments all donate services and/or provide volunteers. “Money is our biggest challenge, but God takes care of us each month. This whole effort is related to our faith. Life is a prayer and this is our faith in action. This clinic could

not happen without our volunteers and donors,” the Director said.

Kathleen has also been a dedicated parish and community volunteer. She has led St. Pius’s Christian Formation Commission. In addition, she has successfully chaired the Channel 10/36 auctions. Because of her faith life and efforts, thousands of people have been helped.

“God’s love is here in the world, but it is through us that other people experience it,” she said.

## *Women of Faith Award Presentation and Lecture*

Wednesday, October 15th, 7 p.m.  
SDS Community House  
4311 North 100th Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Please use North Entrance. Free,  
but reservations requested.  
Call 414.466.7414 by October 6th



## Jubilee 2003: Celebrating the Goodness and Kindness of Jesus in Our Lives

A Mass of Thanksgiving began the Jubilee observance. Sisters Lawrence Bergs, Bernadette Kline, Monica Lietz, and the Sisters' choir joined in the celebration.

Twelve Sisters recently celebrated the jubilees of their religious profession. Sister Rosine Burger observed 80 years and is the longest professed living Sister in the entire Salvatorian world. Sister Rosine taught kindergarten for 41 years.

"We are thanking God for the precious gift of vocations and those who said 'yes' over and over again. We are grateful to these Sisters who modeled what fidelity means. And we want to thank all of the families who affirmed these sisters' faith and call," said Provincial Sister Marion

Etzel, SDS.

Some of the jubilarians came from towns in Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. Others came from Colombia and Germany. They have ministered as teachers, cooks, missionaries, secretaries and nurses. Today, they continue their service with prayer apostolates and volunteering.

"We are grateful for the gifts they have brought to our Community and their service to the Church," said Sister Maureen Hopkins, SDS.

The jubilarians are: 80 years of religious profession, Sister Rosine

Burger; 75 years, Sister Segolena Burger; 65 years, Sisters Lawrence Bergs, Irene De Marrais, Mary Samuel Golla and Clara Salzmann; 60 years, Sisters Georgene Faust, Bernadette Kline, Monica Lietz and Carmela Torres; and 50 years, Sisters Mary Laura Carter and Maryann Engelhardt.



Top right: Sisters Clara Salzmann and Mary Samuel Golla; middle row, far left, Sisters Segolena Bohner and Liboris Knapp; Sisters Maryann Engelhardt and Mary Laura Carter; Sister Rosine Burger and family; Sister Irene De Marrais; bottom picture: Sister Carmela Torres, center, with family and friends.

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