



That all may
know the Savior

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SISTERS OF THE DIVINE SAVIOR

Salvatorian News

Walk with Us

Kindness is essential to the life of a Salvatorian Sister. It's evident in our service to people in our local and international communities and in the values of our two sponsored institutions, Divine Savior Holy Angels High School and Hadley Terrace. It's even included in our mission. *Our mission as Sisters of the Divine Savior is to make known the goodness and **kindness** of Jesus, Savior of the world...*

Beginning on Page 1, our stewardship update details the kindness you showed us in 2022 through your donations and prayers. Your generosity always inspires us to explore new ways to serve God's people whether it be through refugee support or a handicap accessible van for our elder sisters. Where will your kind heart lead us in 2023?

Inside, we honor Sr. Liza Segleau for her 25 years of religious life along with eleven other sisters—me included. Added together, we'll celebrate 695 years of religious life at our Jubilee gathering. It's a wonderful occasion that will be made extra special by the presence of three international Salvatorian Sisters. For the month of June, we will host two members from our international Leadership Team in Rome, Colombian Sister Maria Yaneth Moreno and Brazilian Sister Renária Bezerra de Silva. Sr. Magdalena Kumorek from Poland will also arrive in June. She will spend three months traveling to parishes throughout the U.S. speaking about her service to refugees at the Poland-Ukraine border.

Please walk with us as we emulate the kindness of Jesus through our service to God's most vulnerable people. It doesn't take much to treat people with kindness. If every person performed one daily act of kindness to a stranger, it would change the world!



Gratefully,

S. Jean Schafer SDS

Sister Jean Schafer, SDS

Goodness and Kindness Prevail with Your Generous Support



In Tanzania, students danced and sang in celebration of two new school buses.

We may be another year older, but that doesn't mean the Sisters of the Divine Savior are slowing down. In fact, your generosity in 2022 enabled us to fund more projects than ever! Together, we bused children to school in Buyuni, Tanzania, sheltered Ukrainian refugees, professionally educated four Sri Lankan Salvatorian Sisters, farmed organically in southern Tanzania, and cared for our elder sisters at Salvatorian Sisters Residence (SSR). Your faithful support encouraged us to find new ways to bring goodness and kindness to God's people in whatever place and by whatever means in 2022.

In February, we started preparing our Lenten campaign to provide a growing Salvatorian primary school in Tanzania with a school bus. But shortly after our planning began, war broke out in Ukraine. Updates from our Polish sisters began pouring in along with requests for refugee assistance and prayers. Instead of abandoning one project for another, we started collecting for both causes. Thanks to you, we provided the school with two buses and a \$10,000 maintenance fund and continue to raise funds for Ukrainian refugees through our partnership with Sisters Rising Worldwide. We remain in awe of your astounding generosity and willingness to improve quality of life throughout the world.

We held Tanzania close to our hearts in 2022. Our May appeal to support organic farming in southern Tanzania coincided with welcoming Tanzanian Salvatorian Sister Bakhita Ndokole to the United States for the summer. While Sr. Bakhita stayed busy with mission appeals and her English lessons, you gave our sisters in Tanzania the ability to promote sustainable agriculture throughout their community. Now, farmers have shade for their crops, nutrients for their soil, and an education in organic farming.

Celebrating 2023 Jubilarians

SISTER ELIZABETH “LIZA” SEGLEAU, SDS



Sister Elizabeth “Liza” Segleau, SDS is nothing if not adaptable. Born in the Bronx, New York and raised on a coffee farm in Costa Rica, she is no stranger to adapting to new places and situations. It’s a trait she developed at a young age when she dropped out of school to become her mother’s primary caregiver.

Once she decided to answer the call of religious life, Sr. Liza says she knew one thing for sure. “I knew I wanted to serve others

for the rest of my life, I wanted to embrace the needs of people all around the world. So, I knew my religious family had to be international. I was not clear how I wanted to serve, but that came later.”

Finding a religious congregation she melded with was not an easy process. In fact, when Sr. Liza first met the Salvatorian Sisters she was close to giving up on religious life in the United States and heading home to Costa Rica. But fortunately, a friend of hers invited her to a fish fry where she met a group of Salvatorian Sisters for the first time. A year later, in 1995, Sr. Liza entered the congregation and took her first vows in 1998—a day she claims to be one of her most memorable.

In her 25 years of religious life, Sr. Liza has advocated for a wide range of at-risk individuals through her ministry as a social worker. Past clients of hers include individuals of the Hopi, Navajo, and Apache indigenous groups in Arizona and Wisconsinites reliant on Medicaid.

Presently, Sr. Liza is focused on attending to her health needs and advocating for people who require the assistance of a manual or power wheelchair. While she misses her social work ministry every day, she reminds people considering religious vocation, “You really can’t get to know, admire, love and experience the ocean, if you don’t step into it and explore **all** it has to offer.”

Go to: sistersofthedivinesavior.org/jubilee-celebrations

You can send Jubilee greetings c/o:

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A gift to support our mission is a meaningful way to honor a Jubilarian. You can mail your donation or donate online:

sistersofthedivinesavior.org/donate-tribute

SISTER BARBARA REYNOLDS, SDS



Sister Barbara Reynolds, SDS often says her vocation story has three threads: mathematics, teaching, and Salvatorians. Her first encounter with Salvatorian Sisters was after her two-year service with the Peace Corps, teaching math in Ghana. She says, “I immediately felt that each one was, as we say in Spanish, ‘simpatico,’ meaning that in some way, our hearts met.” Sr. Barbara weaved her three vocational threads into her 40-year plus ministry as a professor of mathematics at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee.

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YEARS

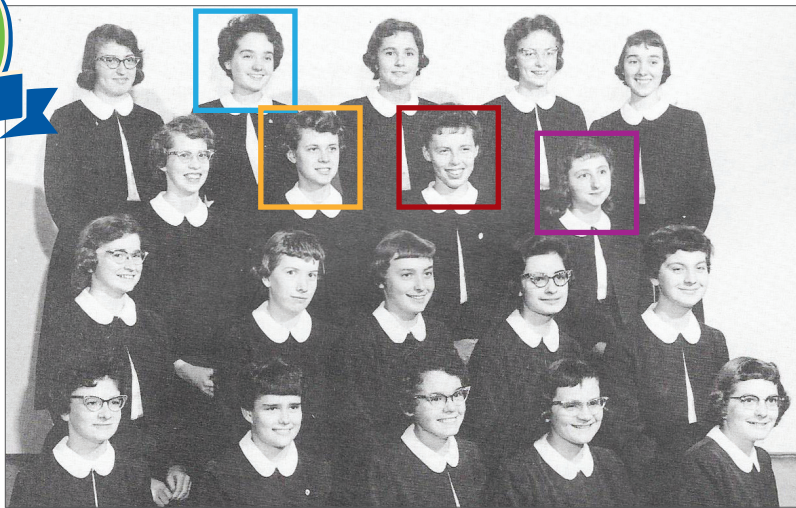


(top row) Sister Francine Kosednar, SDS;
Sister Grace Mary Croft, SDS (Sr. Mary Gerald);
Sister Mary Jo Stoffel, SDS (Sr. Boniface)

(bottom row) Sister Mary Frost, SDS (Sr. Mary Albert);
Sister Deanna Schroeder, SDS (Sr. Mary Eugene);
Sister Jenada Fanetti, SDS (Sr. Anthony Marie)

Chosen to be Blessings

60
YEARS



Our four Jubilarians celebrating 60 years of religious life are members of Divine Savior Convent High School prep class of 1960. Prep school provided young women with an opportunity to receive a high-quality education and increased the number of aspiring sisters.

□ SISTER MARION ETZEL, SDS



Sister Marion Etzel, SDS encountered Salvatorian Sisters for the first time in grade school and early music lessons. Her sister-teachers not only influenced her call to religious life, but also her 40 years as a music educator. Following her years as a dedicated teacher, Sr. Marion served two terms as U.S. Provincial and as a general councilor and secretary for our international leadership team in Rome. Upon her return to the

U.S. in 2019, she said "I appreciated the privilege of coming to know a world view of our congregation and Salvatorian Family."

□ SISTER MARY EVELYN ZIMBAUER, SDS



Sister Mary Evelyn Zimbauer, SDS declares, "My desire to help people and advocate for others is engrained in me as a Salvatorian Sister and nurse." Her sensitivity to the needs of others is a trait she developed in her 60 years of nursing. Although retired from her long-time ministry, Sr. Mary Evelyn continues to zealously serve people and her community as a Provincial Councilor on the Leadership Team, weekend on-call nurse for her

fellow sisters, and first aid responder at Milwaukee events.

□ SISTER RITA VOGELSANG, SDS



Sister Rita Vogelsang, SDS (Sr. John Mark) feels enriched and privileged to have lived a life of service advocating for people struggling with broken families, addiction, and poverty. "They know what's important in life and are close to God." Her longtime ministry to God's most vulnerable has taken her all around the United States – home nursing in rural Kentucky, parish nursing in Alabama, elder companionship in rural South

Dakota, and refugee assistance in Arizona. After returning to Wisconsin in 2021, Sr. Rita serves her parish in Portage through the Rite of Christian Initiative for Adults (RCIA) program.

□ SISTER JEAN SCHAFER, SDS



Sister Jean Schafer, SDS (Sr. Mary Christopher) describes her call to religious life as a "powerful gift" that has offered her opportunities to discover and share her talents, connect with diverse people in meaningful ways, and achieve a balance of community, prayer, and service. The former international leader for Salvatorian Sisters in Rome and founder of Stop Trafficking!, a monthly publication of U.S. Catholic Sisters Against

Human Trafficking, now has the responsibility of leading her U.S. Province. She says, "My role is to keep the spiritual dimension before us – the 'why' of our life."



Your Giving Tuesday gifts support the educational ambitions of our junior, or temporary vowed, sisters in Sri Lanka.



Sr. Jean Schafer presents our 2022 Woman of Faith award recipient, Anne Haines, with a painting done by Sr. Karlyn Cauley.

GOODNESS AND KINDNESS PREVAIL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Diocesan mission appeals were back in full force last summer. Midwest parishes in six dioceses eagerly opened their doors to seven sisters who spoke about our international missions. Stories about young women discerning religious life in Pakistan or sisters caring for orphans in Colombia inspired great generosity from people meeting our traveling sisters for the first time. Being on the road reminds us of the wonderful kindness of new friends.

If you're an avid reader of our newsletters or follow our social media accounts, you've likely met our new Provincial Leadership Team. It's been wonderful to witness the warm welcome you've extended to our new Team, especially at events like our annual Woman of Faith award ceremony. Sister Jean Schafer, our new Provincial, was thrilled to recognize our 2022 honoree Anne Haines's service to survivors of human trafficking—a cause near and dear to both their hearts.

After eating our fill of turkey and pie on Thanksgiving, we once again participated in Giving Tuesday. Continuing our campaign from 2021, we raised money to provide four Sri Lankan Salvatorian Sisters with a year of professional education. Amidst their country's great political turmoil, higher education remains a priority for our sisters who bring much hope and stability to their communities. Your enthusiastic support for our international sisters helped us surpass our \$3,604 goal and fund two years of schooling rather than just one. All four sisters will complete their degrees in their third year of school.

Perhaps the greatest blessing we received during the 2022 Christmas season was your response to the life stories of Sisters Margaret Bosch and Clarice Steinfeldt. In their 151 years of combined religious life, both sisters navigated God's blessings and challenges to gain the wisdom they possess today. Sister Clarice put it best when she said, "Looking back, I know God was right beside me, even when I asked, 'How can I do this?' The answer was and always is 'God will be with you.'" Both sisters appreciated the gifts and notes they received from former students and colleagues in gratitude for their years of tireless service.

Your love for our elder sisters was evident in more than just your support for Sisters Margaret and Clarice. All our sisters living at SSR benefited from your astounding generosity in 2022. A year-end gift from 2021 finally came to fruition with the addition of a handicap accessible van to our fleet of vehicles. Our new van is well loved and used and makes for easy transport to appointments and events around town. Thank you for blessing our sisters with increased accessibility and higher quality of life.

It's clear to us that God was with us in 2022 through the goodness and kindness of your donations, event attendance, and prayer intentions. Your trust and faith in our mission to care for the needs of people around the world is a testament of your friendship and compassionate nature. In 2023, we look forward to further serving our Divine Savior through your companionship and generosity. ●

GIFT TIP

Be a *Pal* to us through your online gift

Looking for an efficient and secure way to support the service of Sisters of the Divine Savior to local and international communities? It's easy with an online gift through **PayPal**. You decide which is most convenient for you—monthly, quarterly, or a one-time gift. You don't need a **PayPal** account to make a gift using your credit or debit card, and you decide a gift schedule that best fits your budget.

For more information, please go to sistersofthedivinesavior.org/donate. If you have questions or would like some friendly assistance, please contact Tim Kasza at kaszat@salvatoriansisters.org or by phone at (414) 466-7414.

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