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## *A MUSIC FOCUS*

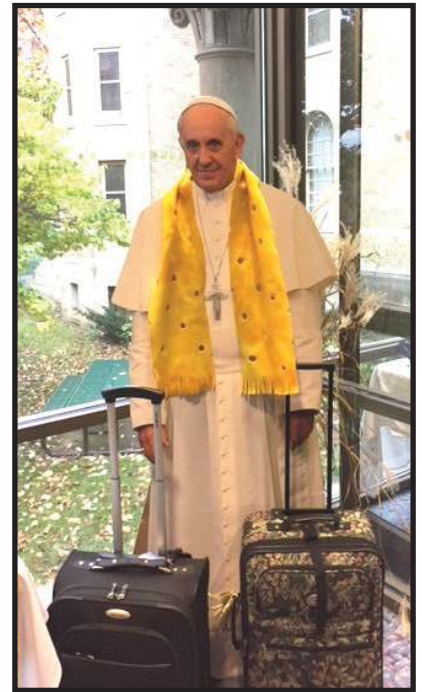


# **Teresan News**

The purpose of the Alumnae Association of the College of Saint Teresa shall be to maintain and foster the Teresan values developed at the College of Saint Teresa: by fostering friendship and communications among the alumnae, by assisting in the establishment and development of alumnae chapters, and by promoting the cause of higher education, particularly the higher education of women, through the Teresan Scholarship Fund.

# Reunion 2017

*Keeping the Teresan Spirit Alive!*



## **UPCOMING 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Mark your calendars!**

- Sun, Jan 28 CST Board Meeting
- Sat, Feb 17 Green Valley, AZ gathering
- Sat, Mar 10 Washington DC gathering
- Sat, Apr 21 CST Board Meeting
- Sun, June 10 CST Board Meeting
- Sun, July 1 Scholarship Deadline  
(Undergraduate, Graduate)
- Tues, July 10 Twin Cities Picnic
- Sun, Aug 11 CST Board Meeting
- Oct 12-14 CST Reunion Weekend
- Thur, Nov 1 Scholarship Deadline  
(Undergraduate, Graduate)
- Sat, Dec 1 Twin Cities Christmas  
Luncheon, St. Paul T & C Club

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Send your *\$20 check* to:  
**SISTERS OF SAINT FRANCIS**

Please include your FULL NAME and your class year (*dates attended*).

The CST Records Office also handles special requests regarding the **CST Archives**. Please mail your requests to Sister Shirley, along with a small donation.

*Thank you!*

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## Reunion 2017 Attendees Generously Support CST Legacy Fund & Technology Fund

Thanks to our generous Teresan family at reunion last fall, we raised **\$1,750** through the Saturday evening offertory collection. Your heartfelt generosity will help perpetuate the mission of the Alumnae Association and continue our CST Legacy.

In addition, the proceeds from the Silent Auction were **\$1,680** which went to the Alumnae Office to update our computer needs.

*Thank you for sharing your treasures!*



**President’s Message - *Maureen Salmon Speltz ‘72***

Dear fellow Alumnae,

The memory of the joyous sounds of Christmas and New Year celebrations still bring a smile to our faces. Making our way through the short, cold, dark days of winter, we reflect on memories of lives lived, long friendships, and the work that we have done for the world. Among our reflections are plans for things yet to be accomplished and things which need to change, or will change with the passage of time.

With this in mind, a major focus of your Alumnae Board of Directors for 2018 will be the development of a new strategic plan for the CST Alumnae Association. Over the past 29 years the spirit of the College of Saint Teresa has lived on through our active Alumnae Association. It is a testament to the education and lasting friendships nurtured during our days in Winona *‘mid the bluffs so staunch and true!*

As the years pass, we know that our membership is declining and in 2019 the reality that the last graduating class from CST celebrates their 30<sup>th</sup> reunion. The new strategic plan will help the board present to you suggested changes needed to maintain a financially sound and active Alumnae Association in all areas including reunions, the Tea House and the Teresan Scholarship Fund for as long as possible. The strategic plan will include benchmarks for determining when it is no longer financially feasible to maintain the alumnae association and plans, when the time is appropriate, for the eventual closing of the association.

We will keep you updated on the progress of the strategic plan in future publications and mailings. I encourage you to share your thoughts on the future of the Alumnae Association with me or by contacting Colleen at the Alumnae Office: [colleen@cstalums.org](mailto:colleen@cstalums.org)

*Live Jesus in your hearts forever. Maureen*

**Director’s Message — *Colleen Kocer Peplinski ‘87***



Thank you so much for your membership dues support. The *Teresan News* is a benefit for members, so continue to support us and you’ll continue to receive a newsletter. Reunion 2017 was a fabulous weekend that over 200 alumnae enjoyed. If you are planning to attend *Reunion 2018 October 12-14*, come early Friday and stay through Sunday! Friday is your opportunity to take in a Mississippi River Cruise or a Trolley tour of Winona, it’s the only way you will enjoy reuniting with the city you lived in so long ago during your beloved days at CST.

We are busier this year with our scholarship program since the new policy changes took effect in the fall of 2017 (see p. 46). Remember, another benefit to membership is you are eligible to sponsor

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***CLASS OF  
1947  
by Kitty  
Knoblauch  
Felion***

(L to R): Sheila Kleinschmidt (niece), **Millie Lilla Wachowiak**, Tim Kleinschmidt (nephew & godson)

We were so fortunate to have **Millie Lilla Wachowiak** and her family join us for the mass celebration at the Chapel of Saint Mary of the Angels. Millie thought that she could sit quietly toward the back of the church, but when **Colleen Kocer Peplinski '87**, our Executive Director, saw her, Millie and her family were escorted to the front pew! Thank you Millie for representing your 70th class reunion. We are so happy you were here! Millie still lives in Winona and is doing well. She is active in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and the senior center. Her children live in Madison, WI, and she sees them at least once a month.

## **The War Girls—What was CST like in 1943-1947?**

Most of us have a different experience than what other Teresans went through during their four years at the College of Saint Teresa. Of course, there was the rationing of food, especially butter and meat at the CST cafeteria. And with so many men at war, we didn't even have men at Saint Mary's College during sophomore year! When we would have a dance, the girls would have to jitterbug together until the boys came back. Peace time arrived our junior year, and our boyfriends arrived in uniforms on campus. What a sight! Life was a challenge back in the war days, that's for sure!

The Sisters at the College wanted us to be pure of body and soul, so I remember confessions, changing sheets on Thursday, and wearing gimps to keep our head straight. Our class finally voted against the gimp and then we were allowed to wear collars. Remember the gym suits we had to wear with the black bloomers and tunics for gym class? We voted against those too! How about smoking in the 4th floor lounge? Some of us were campused for not following the rules. I know if you wore slacks up to Garvin Heights, you might have been campused for 6 weeks. If you got caught smoking, you might have been campused too. We wore those black gym suits, conservative bathing suits, gimps, and runs in our stockings!

I have asked that the Alumnae Office share an update with all of you on all our classmates. My name is **Kitty Knoblauch Felion**, of Erie, PA, and I've been the Class Chair for many years now. I enjoy calling our CST friends, and welcome you all to call me with updates any time. My telephone number in Erie, PA is: **1-814-866-0900** Let me catch you up with my life: I am still living at home with the assistance of magic stairs, a walker and a magnifying glass for reading. On November 11th, we lost my beloved son-in-law, Lt. Vol Brad Davis, the husband of Michelle. The funeral was at the  
*(Class of 1947 continued on next page...)*

**(Class of 1947 continued from previous page)**

911 Airforce Base in the Chapel where they were married and where his retirement ceremony took place. The family reunion in late September was very special as we gathered in the vineyards on the shores of Lake Erie. I am still the chair and planner for a women's group at church and the study group "Connection" of the Erie Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and a board member of our Dr. Barber National Institute for children and adults with special needs. Contact with the Class of 1947 is by the easy way .... the TELEPHONE! I'm at **1-814-866-0900** in Erie, PA.

Kitty is in touch with 13 classmates the old fashioned way, the telephone!

**Sister Gladys Schmitz** of the Holy Cross teaching the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato, MN. She is still active with the Peace and Justice work of the order. She learned that **Harriette Huettl Bach** died in August 2016 in Edina.

**Dody Lynch Stoy** spends summers in her family home in Little Falls, MN and winters in Florida. She married Bob, a Saint Mary's grad and they had six children, 17 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Widowed now, she bodes that many of her family members entered the medical profession.

**Peggy Garvey Nedzi** and Lucian are still in their lovely home in McLean, VA. Peggy is the matriarch and makes sure the big family reunion takes place in the outer banks each summer. We joked that we both have made changes in our homes for ONE FLOOR living!

**Bernie Nugent Dorigan** recently moved to a lovely retirement home in Naples, FL. During Hurricane Irma this fall as it was heading toward Naples, her daughter Beth took her home to New York to escape. She is back in Florida now and is happy with her health and home. Her family keeps in constant touch with her.

Although **Lucille Skrandel Olson** passed away last June, her daughter Jerri told of her good life and happy family. When dementia took over, the family took over her care. You may remember that Lucille left CST to marry her fiancé returning from being a POW in Germany!

**Helen Werr Hermansen** is in her home in Orland Park, near Chicago. She says she is happy she has three daughters who are nurses as she needs daily assistance but Helen is always an optimist when we talk.

**Bette Foster Larson** has moved to Tucson, AZ with summers in Flagstaff. Her new address is: 4838 E Edison St, Tucson, AZ 85712 Bette's Robert died two years ago. Her daughter, a cancer nurse, shares her home. She is well and keeps active.

**Mary Feiten Arnoldy** is in a nursing home in Onalaska, WI, just outside of LaCrosse. She is recovering from a fall where she injured her shoulder. Her daughters live nearby. The entire family flew to Anchorage to stay at her son's lodge. Many of us remember her brother Bob, who sadly passed away in July 2016. However, Mary is always in good spirits.

As is **(Mary) Terese Dickson Goldrick** living in the Smith Village in the Chicago area. Her loving family looks in on her to make sure she's okay. "I'm fine!"

**Elaine Lindrud Vanden Branden** answers the telephone in their apartment in the St. Therese complex in Edina, MN. Her husband Bob has some health problems, but they are enjoying activities and daily Mass in this popular location.



***CLASS OF  
1952  
by Camilla  
Kotrba***

**(L-R) Therese Payant Klauck  
and Camilla Kotrba**

What a delight to be back in Winona again ‘mid the bluffs so staunch and true!!! After traveling by train from St Louis, MO, to Winona, then by cab to our beautiful CST campus to stay in Alverna Center connected to the Chapel, I enjoyed a relaxing quiet evening to reflect on my time at CST. While in high school, I visited my aunt every summer in Rushford, MN, and she suggested I take a look at Saint Teresa’s, who had such a good reputation. I remember my father loved the beauty of the campus, and felt that the Sisters truly understood young ladies. He was most interested in knowing if these Saint Teresa girls would have jobs when they finished their schooling, and the answer was “most definitely, YES!”.

Our weekend began Friday with registration, then joining the group of Teresans heading to Rochester, MN for the day, touring the Sisters’ home Assisi Heights and the Mayo Clinic – Saint Marys Campus. Although the day was long, it was well worth the trip! Just to see Saint Marys Hospital and Mayo Clinic in its newly formed cooperative campus was remarkable! The trust that the Sisters of Saint Francis built with the Mayo brothers withstood the test of time, and today this campus is a perfect example of how relationships built on trust can build a community that lasts a lifetime. What an amazing example of the importance of trust!

When I arrived back in Winona, I found classmate **Therese Payant Klauck** and her husband, Les. It was wonderful being with Therese again, reminiscing about our times on campus. Therese mentioned that her family owned a grocery store in Wisconsin, and when the Sisters came through her town recruiting new students, her father met them, and thought it was a great idea to send Therese and her sisters to Saint Teresa’s. The Payant family has had a long tradition of young ladies being educated at CST.

The highlight of the reunion was most definitely attending mass at the beautiful Chapel of Saint Mary of the Angels. The Saint Mary’s University Chamber Singers provided the spiritual enhancement to allow us time to enjoy being home again, together with almost 200 Teresans that gathered to celebrate the reunion.

As I reflect on the weekend, it is with a grateful heart that I think of my parents who made such a sacrifice for me to attend the College of Saint Teresa. My morning prayers that weekend and many since have included this gratitude, inviting me to ponder: Look what Saint Teresa’s did for me! Look what CST did for my life. What a difference the college made in my life! This decision truly changed the person I became and allowed me the professional opportunities in life that I never would have had without attending the College of Saint Teresa. It was beyond anything I could ever imagine.

We remembered all of our classmates throughout the weekend, and expressed how much you mean to us. You will remain in our hearts forever. We realize that we may not all make it back to our next reunion, so the Alumnae Office tells us that we can come back again next year if we don’t want to wait. Maybe we’ll do that! ***Until next time, many blessings to you all.***



Row 1 (L-R): **Therese Ament O’Brian, Sister Franchon Pirkl OSF**  
Row 2 (L-R): **Kathleen Stark Priem, Jane Mannion Sullivan, Dee Pintaudi Libera**

## ***CLASS OF 1957 - by Dee Pintaudi Libera***

And there we were Saturday evening having dinner in Lourdes Hall. The only difference was, it happened to be 60 years later, October 14, 2017 instead of October 1956. Friendships have endured over the years. **Jane Mannion Sullivan, Therese Ament O’Brian, Sister Franchon Pirkl, Katie Stark Priem** and I remembered our families, friends and dear classmates at mass earlier in the day as Father Marty Schaefer emphasized CST as a place of faith, hope and love to which we readily agreed.

The gracious Reunion Committee did a marvelous job of planning multiple, interesting events on and off campus. They allowed us many moments not only to recall the experiences of being CST students, but also to remember the activities of years that have ensued.

Major contributions to the Class of 1957 gift basket included Therese’s lovely fall design quilted table-runner highlighted by deep orange pumpkins at either end, and Jane’s hand sewn fall rustling leaves pattern on darling aprons for (grand) mother and child. The Silent Auction bid winner made a generous contribution to the Alumnae Association for technology needs.

I know many of our classmates made spiritual, memorial journeys to campus for the reunion. We warmly welcomed them! Stay in touch, dear friends. Blessings to all.





Row 1 (L-R): **Marian Walsh McCarthy, Della Husman Mottran, Bernadine Schoenfelder Stevens, Marilyn Garden Zieserl, Georganne Schroff Artman**  
 Row 2 (L-R): **Marilyn Maus Treder, Noreen Callaghan Lizak, Carol Breza Wooden, Denise Plunkett, Peg Williams Bierden**

## ***CLASS OF 1962 - by Peg Williams Bierden & Carol Breza Wooden***

Our 55<sup>th</sup> CST reunion is history and was well-received by those of us who attended, just ten out of our class of 155 (*per an Aldine review*).

The weather was typically beautiful this time of the year in Winona even if a bit on the chilly side. We each had as busy or as relaxing a time as we chose relative to the opportunities scheduled by the Alumnae Office. We gathered on Friday, October 13 and departed after a buffet breakfast on Sunday, October 15, the time in-between being filled with MUCH visiting and some traveling to Assisi Heights, Mayo Clinic Hospital- Saint Marys Campus in Rochester and/or travel around Winona via a local trolley. Some of us had volunteered for “Choir Duty”, so we benefitted from a Saturday morning choir practice to brush up on our vocal skills for the mass in our beloved chapel.

We were pleased to have time to recognize and celebrate the Franciscan Sisters and the wonderful educational experience their efforts provided for us. Citations to graduates from the classes of 1967 and 1972 and a staff service award also re-enforced how many people it takes/took to deliver the quality we remember from our experiences at the college.

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** *Dina Lee Vinzani* – passed on February 21, 2017 at Sunview Health and Rehab Center in Youngtown, AZ per communication from her sister *Rina Vinzani Andrea*. Dina had been ill for over 4 years and was enrolled in a hospice program for seven months. Dina had no use of her hands or legs, so she needed to be fed. She maintained her happy, positive spirit. Rina composed an Acoustic poem for Dina’s memorial prayer card. It said:

*D*ynamically, dedicated devotion to teaching.  
*I*ntelligent, incredible innovator who inspires individuals.  
*N*otorious for nurturing friendships with non-parallel, natural ability.  
*A*dorable, affectionate in altering attitudes to enhance achievements.

*L*oveable, loyal, lucky, lively leader  
*E*mpathetic, extraordinary, exceptional teacher.  
*E*ternally, ecstatic enthusiasm for **ELVIS**



Row 1 (L-R): Mary Pregler Swenson, Kathy Kuethe Baruth, Patrice Edstrom O'Reilly, Lynn Baron Rudnicki, Mary Ellen Feely Andrusis, Peg Buck Harmon, Mitzi Frundt Shimp, Gail Hebig Kinsey, Diane Gronstal Palmeri, Linda Dunham Venner, Mary Beth Hanson

Row 2 (L-R): Theresa Neitzel Mazig, Mary Clark Engstrom, Mary Murphy

Row 3 (L-R): Virginia McCormack Brandes, Mary Wegman O'Connor, Jo Ellen Reisdorfer, Sister Mary Kay Mahowald OSF, Jeanne Hennes Howell, Frances Bowler Edstrom, Jean Kramer Kollasch, Lexie Guentner Grzesiak, Barbara Hartle, Judy Welsch Jesse, Marilyn Murphy Youngman, Gretchen Gorius Traylor, Amy Sweetser Lilla

Row 4 (L-R): Gayle Viehman Kirkman, Jennifer Lochner Loeper, Donna Miller Coleman, Carol Pierzyn, Ski Woerter, Mary Hendricks Buckman, Jacqueline Swartz McNamara, Sharon Richards Klingerman, Mary Schottler Crandall, Sister Marlene Pinzka OSF, Judy Daufenbach Yanda, Kathleen Huberty, Christine Wroblewski Olson, Patricia Wieland Ladewig

Row 5 (L-R): Gail Marschall Aubrecht, Joanne Hesselbacher McFadden, Mary Fenno Hagelie, Catherine Cahill Hamilton, Colleen Corcoran Bartlett-Belbusti, Kathryn Bennett Beatty, Katherine Bell Redmond, Mary O'Mara Hamblet, Theresa Dinneen Grosser, Donna Stich Schinto, Meredith Bishop, Anne Burns Zegers, Cathy Cramp Giannini

## ***CLASS OF 1967 - by Judy Daufenbach Yanda***

It's hard to believe that 50 years has gone by so quickly! It seems like hardly any time has passed and we picked up where we had left off. The 60 of us who attended our reunion had much fun connecting with old friends and classmates and visiting with those we maybe didn't know as well. We missed all of you who weren't able to make it but you were with us in spirit. One of the best parts of the weekend for me was Mass in the beautiful chapel with all our beautiful voices. Thanks to all the CST alumnae who made it special. Our class picture was even taken there in front of the altar after we all got lined up. Quite a feat!

We socialized at a wine reception on Friday and continued during the silent auction on Saturday. I wish to thank all those who so generously contributed to our baskets. We also contributed to 2 bricks with which to remember our classmates, both living and deceased. It brought in needed money for the CSTea House Inc. and Alumnae Association which keeps our traditions alive.

The Saturday evening banquet in Lourdes Hall brought back memories of sharing memories with friends and serving the alumnae when we were students. After the banquet, **Fran Bowler Edstrom** opened her home for more reminiscing. We are so fortunate to have such great women with whom to share our life stories. One of our classmates, **Kathy Bell Redmond**, received the Citation Award. I was in awe at what she has accomplished in her life. Many of us may not be remembered specifically for our great accomplishments but we have all have contributed to our world in a positive way.

**Some Class of 1967 thoughts:**

**Mary O'Mara Hamblet:** *I so enjoyed connecting with our classmates. I'm glad our class was so generous in the donations that were collected. CST always holds a place in my heart.*

**Terry Neizig Mazig:** *I especially liked the story Judy Welch told, building a 1951 MG car piece by piece with a friend. And when Judy got the car put together, she did not know how to drive it:) The MG works! Judy learned to drive it....I just think this is an incredible story. See what you can do if you put your mind to it!*

**Terry Dineen Grosser:** *'Twas good reconnecting with classmates as I haven't been back since 25<sup>th</sup>.*

**D. Jean Kramer Kollasch:** *Though the weather outside was wet and dreary, the class of '67 was fired up amid the beauty of the campus we all love amongst the towering bluffs. Friendships rekindled in a flash from embers that linger in our hearts from the years we spent together. We were reminded how strongly we stood together and can be proud of all we stand for now, assuredly making a difference in our world.*

**Patrice Edstrom O'Reilly:** *The main thing was either I knew who my classmate was or I had no idea and then the introduction, and sure enough it was a classmate!! Great weekend!*

**Carol Pierzynski Woerter:** *What great memories we brought home with us!*

**Patricia Weiland Ladewig:** *It was such fun to see people after so many years and learn about all they had done. Then too it was wonderful to visit the campus and experience the joy of mass in our stunning chapel.*

**Anne Burns Zeger:** *It was a great weekend catching up with everyone!! So glad I was able to attend with Cathy Cahill Hamilton and Cathy Cramp Giannini. We all had a fun time.*

**Joanne Hessellbacher McFadden:** *What a great success our reunion. Once again...friendships were renewed and memories shared.*

Soon I will be getting ready for our 55<sup>th</sup> as soon as I wrap up this memorable one. Thanks to all who made it so. - Judy -





Row 1 (L-R): Patricia Scanlan, Julie Kuehn Burkhardt, Peg Murphy, Lorrie Murray-Kozlowski, Christine Reidinger Haas, Pat Lord Steuernagel, Margaret Svoboda Warnemunde, Joyce Miller Wicks

Row 2 (L-R): Jacqueline Andelmann Sheehan, Mary Turcin Vanmeter, Karen Kadlec, Sharon Kaufman Ahern, Lynn Cuppini Mcconville, Kathryn Towey Bainbridge, Sue Sniegowski Maczak, Linda Larkin Wilkins

Row 3 (L-R): Jeanne Kelly Roslansky, Maureen Salmon Speltz, Kathleen Grimm Aschbrenner, Jo Suilman Stejskal, Kathryn Meisl Dorn, Teri Blowers Stajduhar, Tobey Ginnelly Scaffidi, Anne Liners Brett

## ***CLASS OF 1972 - by Jo Suilman Stejskal & Maureen Salmon Speltz***

The Class of 1972 had 25 attendees at the 45th reunion. Lots of hugs and "You look amazing!" Paging through the Aldine evoked comments like "Remember when?" "Where is she now?" "Have you heard from her?" Reconnecting over the three days was easy and made us think why didn't we return sooner.

Many of us were in attendance when our classmate, **Julie Kuehn Burkhardt**, received the Citation Award for her many achievements that involved a lifetime of caring, leadership, and service to the profession of nursing and community. Her gracious words of acceptance reflected the impact and meaning of her education and the CST experience. She attributed her growth and success to the Sisters of Saint Francis and the Teresan values they instilled.

Fond goodbyes included "I'll be back for the 50th" and a pledge to encourage more classmates to return....**50 for the 50th!**



Row 1 (L-R): Cecilia Kirvin, Mary Lu Burke Baggot, Ann Zenk, Jane Kallan-Marra, Karen Machlica, Joan Piccoli Tomkowiak, Molly Sullivan Olson

Row 2 (L-R): Teri Collins, Lois Portner Munro, Shirley Lacey Holst, Mary Frohnauer, Anne Kennedy Beckman, Barbara Smith Reis, Nancy Vanderah Rondoni, Paula Losinski Skonieczny

Row 3 (L-R): Karen Feldt, Francine Carani Hennig, Mary Bagley Robinson, Mary Kay Stepanik McDermott, Merle Powell Snearly, Mary Beth Clayton Onkka, Jane Marie Weis

## ***CLASS OF 1977 - by Mary Kay Stepanik McDermott***

Such sweet memories and friendships anew for all those who attended our special 40th reunion. It was exciting to see everyone, hear stories of family and where life has taken us.

Twenty three 1977 classmates attended our 2017 reunion and it was so easy to enjoy the feeling that it was just yesterday when we were together sharing college life at CST. It is truly amazing how the years melt away when we have the opportunity to share and reminisce. The wine social on Friday was a real highlight (photo). We all look like the years have not been too unkind and it was a beautiful evening to reconnect!

From our morning Mississippi boat cruise, the tour in Rochester, a wonderful Mass and dinner in Lourdes Hall, we really rediscovered our CST heritage which will always hold a special place in our minds and hearts. Even between the raindrops, it was lovely to walk around campus as Winona is always beautiful and it was fun to just hang out.

There is another reunion in 2018... how about doing it again – don't wait for five years. Try to contact a classmate that could not attend this time. ***Remember that the benefits of being a Teresan are never ending no matter what your graduation year is, or where you are.*** We all are blessed with this gift. ***Rock on Class of '77!!***





Row 1 (L-R): Rebecca Schabb Sterling, Dawn Jech Norris, Cathy Jedlicka Standish, Connie Scheid Caine, Jean Ellie Rosekrans

Row 2 (L-R): Mary Pat Lacrocca, Mary Kay Ambrose Lucas, Cheryl Invie, Kathleen Jaye Palmer

Row 3(L-R): Karen Higgins Jones, Linda Vandermus Brech, Laura Standing Weikum, Kathryn Green Mackin, Donna Halloran Krol

## ***CLASS OF 1982 - by Mary Pat Larocca***

Our group of 14 from the Class of 1982 thoroughly enjoyed our 35<sup>th</sup> reunion in beautiful Winona! We hope that more from our class not only continue to support our Alumnae Association but plan to come for our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2022! We had a great weekend and the highlight was *singing our Alma Mater* at the Saturday night banquet. *There isn't a lovelier sound than a group of woman singing a song they know so well and the feeling of fellowship it creates.*

Our class spent lots of time talking and laughing throughout the weekend. We especially enjoyed all of the Lourdes Hall stories from long ago! On Saturday evening after the banquet, we gathered at the *Green Mill* in the Plaza Hotel to reminisce (and watch the Cubs in the playoffs at the same time!) **Mary Kay Ambrose Lucas** traveled the farthest for our reunion, all the way from South Carolina! 35 years seems like a long time, however, it seemed like no time at all had passed as we shared our memories of time spent together.

***Teresans Together Again — home at last!***



Row 1 (L-R): **Rose Campanaro Carlson, Jayne Raycher Larson, Liz Brush Speltz, Deborah Schroeder Randon, Colleen Kocer Peplinski**

Row 2 (L-R): **Patti Raway Chervenak, Sister Joann Chevalier OSF, Deb Ziemkowski Heinecke, Julie Hennen Freyberg, Geri Senn Patschull, Cynthia Chabot Teske**

## ***CLASS OF 1987 - by Jayne Raycher Larson***

It's hard to believe that it has been 30 years since we graduated from the College of Saint Teresa. For me, the years melted away when I came back to campus for reunion weekend this year. The campus looks wonderful and is well maintained. Members of the class of 1987 enjoyed many of the activities offered for reunion weekend—the trolley tour, lunch at Alverna Hall, and exploring Winona. Some of us attended the celebration for the *Sisters of Saint Francis 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary*. *What a beautiful group of women and what a difference they have made in this world...including ours. The blessing song they sang to us brought tears to many eyes.* The highlight of the weekend was the mass and banquet. It was great to be in Lourdes dining hall again where we had time to catch up and enjoy each other's company. We finished off the evening at the home of **Colleen Kocer Peplinski** and spent some more time reminiscing and sharing stories of CST and our lives. Great to see those of you who could come. *Hope to see you all in 5 years!*

# REUNION 2017 - AWARD RECIPIENTS



## **KATHARINE BELL** **REDMOND '67** **2017 CITATION AWARD**

Front Row: **Kathy Bell Redmond '67 (recipient)**  
Row 2 (L-R): **Carole Granger Wrubel, Pat Murphy Bell, Greg Bell, Mary Bell Neuman, Sister Eleanor Granger OSF '62**

For Katharine Bell, attending the College of Saint Teresa was both an honor and a tradition. Her mother, Rose Horihan Bell graduated from the college in 1938.

When Katharine graduated in 1967 with a degree in Sociology, she worked briefly in Social Services for Waukesha County, WI and taught English in the Bahamas. In late 1968, Katharine returned to the U.S. to begin a 30+ year career in Colorado with Child Protective Services – specializing in addressing the sexual abuse of children. This became her defining work.

As a result of her leadership role in child abuse casework, Katharine received numerous scholarships and honors for her outstanding contributions in the field. She formed a Treatment Group for Incest Offenders; was a founding Board member of Pueblo County's first Child Care Advocacy Center; and established a home for these children – an idea supported by the Police Department, Mental Health Center and District Attorney's Office.

Katharine became one of the six Founding Board Members of the National Children's Alliance in Washington D.C. The association became the accrediting body for the Children's Advocacy Centers throughout the U.S. These child-friendly facilities allow law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, medical and victim advocacy professionals to work together to investigate abuse, help children heal from abuse, and hold offenders accountable.

Throughout her 39 year career, Katharine has been a compassionate advocate for abuse victims, sex offender treatment evaluator, and an active volunteer in her parish and community.

*In recognition of her dedication to the safety and well-being of children and her position at the forefront of the treatment of both sex abuse victims and their abusers, the Alumnae Association of CST is pleased to present the 2017 College of Saint Teresa Citation Award to:*

***Katharine Bell Redmond '67***





Dan Burkhardt and **Julie Kuehn Burkhardt '72** (*recipient*)

## **JULIE KUEHN BURKHARDT '72** **2017 CITATION AWARD**

A nursing graduate, Julie has endeavored to achieve the ideals of the College throughout her 43 year career in health care. And, her resume' is replete with accomplishments that reflect Teresan values.

Julie has made many outstanding contributions to the profession of nursing. She was the design concept nurse leader for one of Minnesota's first successful 3-day stay cardiac surgery programs; as well as being the clinical nurse leader with design and construction of the first free-standing Emergency Departments in the state.

She received the MN Hospital Association's Sepsis Care Award and was recognized by the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvements for her initiative to reduce hospital re-admissions. In addition, Julie has been a featured speaker at national conferences to address clinical process design principles.

An active community volunteer, Julie has served as Elder Life Specialist with the Delirium Prevention for Hospitalized Seniors Program at Ridgeview Medical Center in Woodbury, MN and as a certified facilitator for their Honoring Choices Program. She has also participated in American Heart Association community activities for many years.

In addition, Julie is devoted to serving the spiritual needs of her parish – as lector, parish council member, and as a leader for the Archdiocesan major fundraising campaign.

***In recognition of her many achievements – which reflect a lifetime of caring, leadership, and service – the Alumnae Association of CST is pleased to present the 2017 College of Saint Teresa Citation Award to:***

***Julie Kuehn Burkhardt '72***



## **SISTERS OF SAINT FRANCIS**

### **2017 SERVICE TO ALUMNAE AWARD**

For 140 years, the Sisters of Saint Francis of Rochester, Minnesota have pledged themselves to be faithful to the call of God and to each other. Foundresses of the College of Saint Teresa, we honor them today for their Service to Alumnae.

With their varied and rich contributions, it is good to take a brief look back at their history leading them to the establishment of CST. From their humble beginnings in 1877, Sisters Mary Alfred Moes and Barbara Moes, along with 23 others from Joliet, IL arrived in Rochester to form their religious community and serve as teachers.

However, just five years later, a tornado devastated Rochester – and broadened the community’s mission! While caring for tornado victims, the Sisters recognized the need for better health care. With dogged determination, Mother Alfred persisted until Doctor W.W. Mayo agreed to serve as director of a hospital to be built and staffed by the Sisters. Dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Saint Marys Hospital, established in 1889, is now a part of the Mayo Clinic Health System and serves people from all over the world.

Teaching and nursing were now at the core of their community’s mission.

And the Sisters were just getting started. In 1894, two Franciscans – Sisters Leo Tracy and Dominic Mahl traveled to Winona in a horse-drawn surrey with only \$4.28 between them.

Converting a former hospital into an educational facility, the Sisters set about establishing the Winona Seminary for Young Ladies. By 1907, college level courses were being offered. Then in 1912, the seminary was transformed into our beloved College of Saint Teresa – *‘mid the bluffs so staunch and true* (as we sing).

Meanwhile, the Sisters’ landmark hospital in Rochester served as an extension of the College – providing a training ground for scores of nursing students! No academic institution could claim an association with a more prestigious medical name than the “Mayo Clinic” – all thanks to Sister Alfred’s persistence and the entire Franciscan community’s hard work for more than a century.

During the years of the College’s existence, more than 12,000 women and more than 800 men attended CST. Each felt the influence of the Franciscan ideals of service and scholarship. Truly, the Teresan influence begun in 1907 by the Franciscan Sisters lives on to this day.

In addition to sharing their wisdom with students as instructors, the Sisters have served each of our alums generously through the years as mentors, role models, and friends. They continue to serve alums today as Board members, volunteers, and with their prayers.

Their academic legacy is very much alive today too. Each year, the Teresan Scholarship Fund distributes monies to alumnae – along with their descendants and worthy sponsored individuals seeking higher education. Since the college closed in 1989, just over one-million dollars in scholarships have been awarded. All a wonderful tribute to the Sisters’ commitment to academic excellence and higher education!

Today, each of us are deeply indebted to the Sisters of Saint Francis. As a Board, we could not think of more worthy recipients of the Service to Alumnae Award than our dear Sisters – especially in this the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their community’s founding.

*Please join me in expressing our unbounded gratitude to the Sisters here present – to those in Rochester; to those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, and to those serving in locations around the world.*

*Collectively, the 2017 Service to Alumnae Award recipients:*

*The Sisters of Saint Francis*

Juanda Schollmeier worked at the College of Saint Teresa for 26 years – from 1963 until the college closed in 1989.

During those years, she worked for **Sr. Lorraine McCarthy OSF '27** in the publicity and public relations department. Juanda helped make the college known and loved by producing news releases, event programs, and alumnae materials for distribution.

**Moni Crothers** – a longtime co-worker and fellow Staff Service Award recipient – nominated Juanda for this award. Moni noted, *“Juanda was always willing to do whatever was required.”* Not one to question or procrastinate, Juanda could be counted on to get to work and make everything better than she found it!

Juanda has always been committed to Catholic education. While working at CST, her two sons graduated from Saint Mary’s and her daughter from CST. Juanda has been a member of St. Mary’s parish in Winona since 1949, and has volunteered as a sacristan and as a member of the parish’s Resurrection Choir for funerals.

Even after retirement from the college, Juanda continues helping at the Alumnae Office.

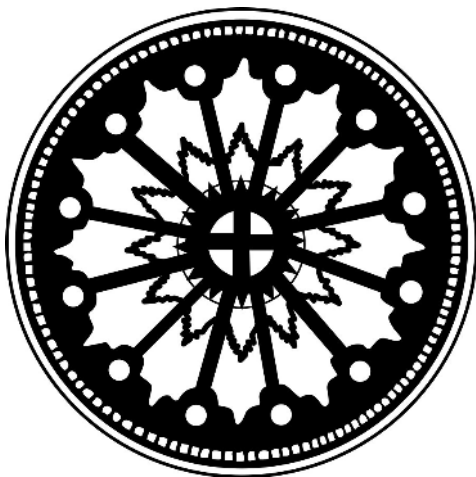
Our executive director, Colleen Peplinski, stated that, *“Juanda always comes running to the Tea House when we call. She is a faithful volunteer. Folding, stuffing, mailing, organizing. Juanda just pitches in. Best of all, she is a joy to work with – and we love her as much as she loves serving our CST community.”*

Juanda exemplifies the Teresan ideal of quiet, humble service. Her service may go unnoticed by many but we are pleased to recognize it for all today.

Juanda, we want you to know that your contribution is valued beyond compare.

*In gratitude, the Alumnae Association of the College of Saint Teresa is proud to present our 2017 Staff Service Award to:*

*Juanda Schollmeier*



**JUANDA  
SCHOLLMEIER  
2017 STAFF SERVICE  
AWARD**



# 2017 Reunion Moments



Clarence—your fabulous trolley guide!





**2017**



**More Memories from  
Reunion 2017**

# Reunion 2018

October 12th-14th

Winona, Minnesota

**Reserve Your Rooms Today!**

*Winona is always booming with visitors in October from observing the Fall colors, University Homecomings, weddings and our wonderful CST reunion! Below is a list of hotels which have a limited number of "blocked" rooms reserved until **September 11th.***

*\*Hotel prices are subject to change and do not include tax.*

## Holiday Inn Express

507-474-1700 or toll free 888-739-5949

[www.hiexpress.com/winonamn](http://www.hiexpress.com/winonamn)

1128 Homer Road Rate \$129.99 2 Queen Beds

"CST Alumnae Reunion" Group Code CST

Continental Breakfast and WiFi

## The Plaza Hotel and Suites

507-453-0303 or toll free 888-292-0303

[www.plazawinona.com](http://www.plazawinona.com)

Junction Hwy 43 & 61 Rates: \$129.99-\$139.99

"St. Teresa's Reunion" - Group Code STR

Green Mill Restaurant attached to hotel, Wi-Fi

## Riverport Inn & Suites

507-452-0606 or toll free 800-595-0606

[www.riverportinn.com](http://www.riverportinn.com)

900 Bruski Dr Rates \$124.99

"St. Teresa's Reunion" - Group Code ALUMST

Hot Continental Breakfast and Wi-Fi

## AmericInn *\*Winona's newest hotel\**

507-474-7700 or 800-556-7231

[www.americinn.com](http://www.americinn.com)

303 Pelzer Street Rates \$119.00

Group name: *College of St Teresa*

Hot Breakfast Buffet, free Wi-Fi



# October 12-14, 2018

## Whose reunion year is it?

*We are celebrating*

1943      1948

1953      1958

1963      1968

1973      1978

1983      1988

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Don't wait 5 years until your next reunion. Come back to Winona THIS FALL. We welcome all alumnae. Join us for all events or plan to gather with your class locally, then join us for Saturday's award program, mass & banquet.

[www.visitwinona.com](http://www.visitwinona.com)

# CST & Cotter..working together~

The Cotter High School Girls Soccer Team and the Cotter High School Football Team both contributed immensely in getting us ready for reunion. These student athletes did a lot of weeding, mulching and raking at the Tea House in preparation for Reunion 2017. Thank you to these Cotter athletes for helping us prepare for our big weekend!



**COTTER**  
RAMBLERS



# Saint Cecilia Hall 2018 – Music For a Lifetime

*Introduction by Colleen Kocer Peplinski '87, Executive Director*

The focus for this issue is on MUSIC, which is very fitting since our beloved Saint Cecilia Theatre was renovated at Cotter High School this past fall, with new flooring, seats, and paint. The original colors look classic, with an upgraded seat so that you can truly enjoy a three hour show! See it for yourself during our reunion Campus Tour!

## St. Cecilia Theater Renovations Fall 2017



The beautiful and unforgettable theater that was once part of the College of Saint Teresa campus, and has become a beloved area for Cotter High School students, is in need of a few improvements. We invite you, our CST alumnae, to invest back into your campus! While the inside of the Theater looks fabulous thanks to a generous benefactor, Cotter Schools is seeking donations for the Lobby Area to be spruced up with new carpet and paint, and perhaps a few seating areas. Help Cotter restore the beauty of St. Cecilia Theater and improve the experience for all those who enter her doors for generations to come!

*Mail your tax-deductible gift to:* **Cotter Schools**, Attn: Theater Renovation  
1115 W Broadway, Winona, MN 55987  
Memo Line: CST Legacy

## ***CST LEGACY—Share your passion with Music***

Time flies when you're having fun, and that certainly was the theme with several of our College of Saint Teresa musicians who took some time to reflect and share how their CST legacy, through their love of music, has been uplifting, therapeutic, and engaging to those they have shared their talents with over the years. We hope you enjoy reading this section, and share the gratitude for our beloved Faculty and Staff, especially the Sisters of Saint Francis!



**AFTER COLLEGE, HOW DID YOU USE YOUR MUSIC DEGREE? HOW LONG HAVE YOU KEPT YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN YOUR LOVE OF MUSIC?**

Music has always been an important part of my life from an early age to now as an octogenarian. After graduating from CST, I earned an M.A. degree in Musicology at the U of MN. I taught privately and was church organist and choir director when my four children were very young. Now at 83, I have taken up the Mountain Dulcimer in Asheville, NC, and continue playing double piano and conducting the VT Bach Bash Orchestra. A private piano and violin studio was part of our home, but through the years, I also taught HS, JrHS, and/or elementary music, directing many musicals, choruses and orchestras. I played the violin in string quartets and performed in and directed local symphonies. In 2017, I was named Woman of the Year in New London, NH mainly for my contribution to nurturing music in the Lake Sunapee area. I founded a Suzuki Violin School near Hanover, NH; President of the Summer Music Associates for seven years-bringing high quality classical music to NH; Director of Sunapee Singers which gave 16 concerts a year for rest homes, alzheimers and hospice patients, and senior citizen groups. **Charlotte McGill Brook-Signor '56**

I taught piano and voice (PreK-HS) for about 30 years. After retirement from teaching in schools, I founded and directed a Children's Choir through our local community college which served up to 90 singers with three choirs ages 7-15 for about 10 years, retiring from that commitment in 2009. **Janice Maercklein Haines '59**

I taught elementary and junior high music for five years and back to private and class piano while my family was home. I returned to public school music after 16 years. Throughout this time I directed church choirs, played piano and organ and directed a handbell choir. **Music is always important. Ramona Johnson McCullough '60**

At CST, I was a French Major with a strong Music Minor. Upon graduation, I taught English in two Lycees (Vannes, Grenoble) under a French Government and Fulbright Program. Once there, I realized I really wanted to be an Opera Singer. While teaching English, I studied at the Conservatory in Grenoble and went on to earn an MM at Indiana University, and eventually a DMA at the University of Colorado. My first professional engagement was as an apprentice with the Santa Fe Opera. Later, I performed small roles with the Zurich Opera Studio in Switzerland and the Bavarian State Opera in Munich. Upon returning to the U.S, I taught voice and stage-directed opera at Stephens College and then the University of Tulsa (TU). At TU, I served as Director of the School of Music and Associate Dean of Arts and Science. While singing in a Gilbert and Sullivan Festival in Boulder, CO, I met my

husband (a physicist who loves opera). After 10 years of a commuter marriage, I took early retirement and moved to Boulder. Here, I maintained a private voice studio and did free-lance Opera directing with various Universities and small opera companies. My talented Chinese students invited me to teach at the Normal State Universities in Shanghai and Chongqing China and to do master classes for the singers at the Chongqing Opera-an amazing experience. I am now fully retired, hike, cross country-ski, study languages and travel. **Judith Auer '63**

I had a tremendous education at the College of Saint Teresa. I went on and received another degree at Indiana University in Voice. When I was a senior at CST, I remember directing the entire senior class singing the Lenten concert. (They were in their caps and gowns and I directed in my habit.) Some of my happiest days were teaching at CST. I loved the students. I directed the Church Choir, the Triple Trio, taught classes and taught voice lessons. The students were so faithful to each other. They supported each other in so many ways. Many of these students came down with their families to see me in New Mexico. I continue to see many of them, hear from them and talk to them. They are my lifelong friends. I continue to teach voice, sing in two choirs, and work with the homeless in Rochester. **Sister Lalonde Ryan OSF '63**



**Lucinda Colwell McGeary '81** Music Program students performing as pirates at her school in Gillette, Wyoming.

When I came to CST I was a Franciscan nun, aka Sr. Melissa. I did not actually choose my major; the order chose for me. While I never would have considered it for a major, it turned out to be a real blessing. I majored in piano because it was faster to finish than music education and as a Sister I taught piano for 3 years. I made the decision to leave the order after 8 years, worked at a business in downtown Chicago for a year, and then decided to go back to music. I spent two years at Northwestern, got my MME and then moved to the suburbs of Chicago, Palatine/Rolling Meadows, and was there for 30 years. I taught classroom music, (junior high was my favorite), and eventually was music department coordinator. I was a member of the Chicago Master Singers for 20 years and toured all over Europe with them, and served as section leader for several years. I also taught private piano and

organ at several churches, attended the Lyric opera, the Chicago Symphony and several other music organizations. Music has never NOT been a huge part of my life.

**Mary Herzog Flynn (Sister Melissa) '67**

I have been using my music forever! Taught elementary general music for a while, then liturgical music for about 20 years getting over 1,000 children prepared for class & all school liturgies. Had a children's choir at my school parish for 15 years and have had an adult choir at my own parish since 1970. **Catherine Cahill Hamilton '67**

After graduating in music education and piano performance, I spent a 5<sup>th</sup> year at CST completing an equivalency in music therapy. I used my music degree employed as a music therapist at the state psychiatric hospital in Yankton, SD. I pursued training in the Suzuki teaching method and had a Suzuki piano studio of 50+ students. I served as a church choir director, organist, and sang in an adult community chorus. *For any musician, I believe the love for music is lifelong.* Many of us continue our involvement by passing along music to our children and grandchildren. – **Mary Karasch Bormann '73**

My degree was Music Education, concentration in Strings. I taught String Orchestra and General Music at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Fairfax, VA, and at Brentsville Middle/High School in Nokesville, VA. After marriage, I had a private music studio for Strings and Piano at the USO in Okinawa, Japan for three years. I also was the pianist for the Military Base Chapel while we lived there. I currently have a private music studio for String and piano students in my home, and have belonged to the Wisconsin Music Teachers Association for 15 years. Also, I am a church musician working in three local churches, planning and accompanying church choirs and services regularly. **Lois Wolfe Steiner '73**



(Above) **Wanda Kocer Plachecki '83** highlights a selection with a solo.



Taking notes from Sister Ethelreda, Debbie Nolan improves her piano technique.

I taught elementary vocal music from 1975-1985 and high school general music from 2002-2017. I joined the Musica Antiqua at Iowa State in 1977, performing on lute, viola da gamba, rebec, recorders and crumhorn; I am still performing with them. I also accompany Sonshine Singers, a 130 voice praise choir; on guitar and bass. **Stephen Kelleher '74**

After graduation from CST, I returned to my hometown Fort Dodge, IA and began teaching General Music 7-8. After two years, I embarked on an eighteen-year stint as Choral Director at St. Edmond HS, and then across town for the next 22 years as Director of Choral Activities at Iowa Central Community College. I retire at the end of this year. It's been a great ride and I've thoroughly enjoyed this career. I've also stayed active as an organist and am currently Music Director/Organist at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. **Kathleen Walsh (Kelleher) Schreier '74**

I began as a music teacher for PreK-12 for three years. After the birth of my first child, I volunteered as a musician for my church and community by playing flute and piano. I also substituted, worked part-time and gave lessons for fifteen years. In 1993 I began to work full time teaching PreK-8 music. For the past 25 years I have taught classroom music, choir, guitar, band and orchestra. I have also played in a community orchestra, St. Anthony Civic Orchestra, for the past 30 years as flute and piccolo player. And the Macalester College Symphonic Band as a flute player for 8 years. **Susan Hall Colletti '75**

My music degree has been my life, teaching grade school music, directing church choirs, teaching private lessons in piano and voice for the past 40 years-it has been very rewarding. **Susan Stehr Davey '75**

I was a practicing music therapist for 2 years working with geriatric alcoholics. I was also active in church music singing, writing and recording music. I have never stopped loving music. **Maureen McGowan Pranghofer '76**

I taught choir in high school 10 years. Taught grade school music 15 years. Sang in church choir & taught preschool music 3 years. **Laura Dagnold '78**

I began teaching in 1978 in Sioux City, IA and have been involved in music ever since. I have taught elementary music for 25 years and was our church's music director for 23 years. I taught kindergarten CCD for 10 years & instilled a love of music in all 6 of our children. **Joan Oertli Wilberding '78**

I had the amazing opportunity to use my Sacred Music (and Religious Studies) to work at CST as Liturgy and Music Coordinator! It was at CST and with the Franciscan women there, that my ministry grew from the classroom to the chapel. What an awesome first job! Nothing since the College of Saint Teresa has been as perfect. **Katherine Snook Smiley '80**

I began using music therapy during all of my children's births. They each have their own special birth song. My daughter recently tattooed *Teach Your Children Well* – her birth song on her arm. Eventually secured a position as the first music therapist in a long-term care facility. During that time I was also hired as a private practitioner for a young boy with severe developmental disabilities. I began also at this time as a cantor for our church liturgies. One doesn't "keep involvement in love of music". Music is a part of me, as is my heart, soul, physical body. **Malia Fox '81**

This is my 36th year teaching music in Gillette, Wyoming. I have taught K-6 General Music and a K-3 and 4-5-6 Choirs. I have sung in Chamber group and in Church. **Lucinda Colwell McGeary '81**

I have been involved with music some way or another ever since I graduated from CST, mostly in church settings. I worked at Presentation College in the area of worship and music, directed a community choir in Brownton for 10 seasons, helped with solo and ensembles for the high school my children attended, directed Sunday school Christmas programs, taught beginning piano lessons and sing for funerals and weddings. I presently direct a small choir at New Journey UCC in Hutchinson and use music as a hospice volunteer and in many other areas of my life. **Rosine Hermodson-Olsen '83**

As I come upon my CST 35th Year Class Reunion this year, I feel that I use my Music Education K-12 degree more than ever. And what is surprising about that is, while I taught in two parochial schools from 1983-1990, I have not taught music in schools for many years. I have been helping with church music most of my life (as I type this I'm at a point where I'm pulling out music to start to plan for Easter Sunday Masses, and I'm thinking how--this will be my 46th consecutive Easter Sunday with being part of the music at Easter Sunday Masses). I play organ, piano, flute, and I sing at my parish and an area church. My strength as a church musician is not so much in having amazing keyboard skills-- I can play piano and organ well, but nothing that's really challenging or impressive from a musical standpoint-- instead my forte is that I am very able to play piano/organ while singing in a clear voice that carries really well. So I am able to provide strong music leadership in church. I am so grateful to the College of St. Teresa and the teachers who nurtured my love of music and helped me to become a better musician so that I can serve God and help so many others through the gift of music. **Marcia Krull '83**

I have been a church Liturgist for 25 years! Afterwards, I practiced as a music therapist in adult day treatment. I started working in long term care administration and consult with our therapeutic rec staff. **Wanda Kocer Plachecki '83**

From 1983-1990 I taught vocal music to K-8th grade at St. John's Grade School in Rochester Minnesota, I have been giving piano lessons for years. The highlight of this time were the annual Christmas concerts, spring concerts and little performances with each class using classical music. We even Pumpkin Caroled at Assisi Heights to the great delight of the Sisters of Saint Francis. They loved to see the little ones in costume! In 1990, I taught in a regular elementary class room at St. Raymond's in Mount Prospect, IL. Whether teaching classical music and folk songs to my class, or teaching homeschooled multiage children music and art appreciation (including my son and adopted daughter), **music is a way to connect with other people in a real way.** I also have been teaching piano lessons for years. I hear my CST piano teacher **Sister Ethelreda's** voice in my head as I teach my students and my own children. **Cheryl Yenter '83**



**Rosine Hermodson-Olsen '83** directs the choir at New Journey UCC in Hutchinson MN on Easter Sunday 2017 (right) and also directed the community choir in Brownton, MN (above).



I began teaching classroom music in Melrose and Shakopee, MN, and was a liturgical music director in Detroit Lakes, MN. Then I left the classroom to become a school counselor, but continued sharing music by teaching piano only recently ending a run of 30 years. Providing music for church services is something I've done ever since high school and am the primary accompanist for a parish in Des Moines, IA. Singing is my very favorite thing to do, and being a member of a professional choral group for a few years holds some very special memories for me. **Mary Snyder '84**

I have used my music therapy degree my whole life thru far after college! I had my internship in Fargo, ND, worked for a year and a half in Galveston, TX at Edgewater Methodist Retirement Community then moved to Valley City, ND to work at Sheyenne Care Center where I've been since 1989. **Angela Stafki Hansen '86**

## IN 20 WORDS OR LESS, WHAT MADE SAINT TERESA'S MUSIC DEPARTMENT RESONATE WITH YOU?

The total dedication of the nuns and lay teachers, who were excellent performers as well as teachers AND true role models. **Charlotte McGill Brook-Signor '56**

With only two music majors, I played a Mendelssohn piano concerto with the CST orchestra and had the privilege and pleasure of directing a Stabat Mater composed by **Dr. Elizabeth Holloway** with my classmates as well as the carols the night of 1001 Donuts. **Janice Maercklein Haines '59**

I learned to work hard at piano practice. **Ramona Johnson McCullough '60**

Music theory was difficult, and with no tutors in those days, so I switched and majored in French for which I seemed to have had more talent. Although I enjoyed opera performance as well. **Judith Auer '63**

The teachers were generally caring. Since it was such a small department, all teachers were easily & always accessible. **Catherine Cahill Hamilton '67**

Dedicated faculty, personal attention to students, St. Cecilia Hall, and dear friends. **Mary Karasch Bormann '73**

Saint Teresa's offered me a scholarship to play timpani and also started offering classic guitar (my major instrument). **Stephen Kelleher '74**

The Music Department stressed discipline and hard work. The climate was one of quiet study which worked well for me. **Kathleen Walsh (Kelleher) Schreier '74**

I was able to perform in several music groups such as the St. Teresa Orchestra and the Winona Symphony Orchestra. **Susan Hall Colletti '75**

The small intimate feeling of being a family of learners-one on one with superb teachers. **Susan Stehr Davey '75**

I learned so much about various types of music, and it rooted my love for classical music. **Maureen McGowan Pranghofer '76**

CST's music department truly cared about each and every music student. **Joan Oertli Wilberding '78**

I first thought of being a music theology teacher, but when I heard about the new sacred music major, it clicked! THAT was what I was called to do! **Katherine Snook Smiley '80**

It was family. A like-minded unit of people with the same goal in mind. **Malia Fox '81**

The students and professors. **Lucinda Colwell McGeary '81**

The dedication and the caring of the music department educators. The goodness and love shared between the students and the teachers, as well as the beautiful music we all made together. **Rosine Hermodson-Olsen '83**

The people! **The faculty Sister Lalonde, Sister Ethelreda, Sister Genevieve, Lisa Derry and Paul Rusterholz were supportive and challenging.** They challenged me to be the best musician I could be. **Cheryl Yenter '83**

Instructors cared about me personally and helped to hone my musical skills professionally. **Mary Snyder '84**

The smaller class sizes, high quality staff and many opportunities to have fun and perform in various venues! **Angela Stafki Hansen '86**

## FUNNIEST / MOST UNUSUAL WAY MUSIC PLAYED A ROLE IN YOUR LIFE?

When I worked with groups and individuals with whom I thought I could never succeed, the discipline of music carried me through. And the surprising extent I've used music to enrich the lives of others...from making preschool children smile - to lighting a music candle in adult continuing education - to entertaining at home concert and holiday parties. **Charlotte McGill Brook-Signor '56**

Early in my career, I was hired to teach afternoon classes to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Music was not included but I couldn't resist so I taught Christmas carols and took my girls caroling. 49 years later, I met up with one of the students who recognized me (!! ) and she also said that she met with other students from that year and they remembered the songs. - **Janice Maercklein Haines '59**

Just getting into music as a career was pretty unusual. Growing up in Owatonna I was always fascinated by piano, finally was able to take lessons at school, in 7th grade, and even practice there as we had no piano. Eventually the Sisters found us a piano (probably to get rid of me!!) and the rest is history. **Mary Herzog Flynn (Sister Melissa) '67**

I went to college to become a jazz guitarist, but never became one! What I studied was classic guitar, then was introduced to the Renaissance lute. Since I have been primarily a lutenist. **Stephen Kelleher '74**

In the writing of parodies which lent themselves to some live comic theater. **Maureen McGowan Pranghofer '76**

My mother came to a grade school Christmas program I directed. Afterwards she said, "You really can do music! And you can play the piano!" Duh, Mom!!! That's what I went to school for. **Laura Dagnold '78**

The first time I heard Pachelbell's Canon in D was at CST. I loved the piece so much that I had it at my wedding & at the birth of all of our children. **Joan Oertli Wilberding '78**

When I was pregnant with my daughter, I was reading music and playing guitar all the time. We joked that she would either be born with a great ear or deaf. Luckily she emerged with a great ear and a lot of talent. Her dad taught her sign language. **Katherine Snook Smiley '80**

All of my 5 children also have a love of music. Music tied us together and we've enjoyed many years of playing and singing together. **Malia Fox '81**

My dear husband put up with listening to the Pacabel Cannon in D every night of my pregnancy with our first child just so I could see our child react to the music when he was born. **Rosine Hermodson-Olsen '83**

When David and I were married we used Handel's Entrance to the Queen of Sheba as the wedding march. I had to buy the score for the musicians as no one had ever requested that music from them. **Cheryl Yenter '83**

Playing piano bar on St. Patrick's Day! Also sitting at a piano in an antiques store. People started coming in the store, humming along with the music and sales were steady. The store manager offered me a deep discount on any item I wanted if I just kept playing! **Mary Snyder '84**



Probably the shows we'd put on at CST! Those to raise money or just to have fun: Avilafest, the theater productions, 1001 Donuts, CST Storytellers, dinner theater. It was all so new and fun! **Angela Stafki Hansen '86**

### **FIRST TIME YOU KNEW YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE / HAD AN IMPACT AS A MUSICIAN?**

When I convinced the elementary music teachers that they should sit through my classes with their students twice a week to re-enforce in their classrooms what we learned, and to support each child on stage twice a year in song and instrumental performance. **Charlotte McGill Brook-Signor '56**

Music is a career where you receive almost instant feedback. If you direct a good choral performance, students and parents tell you. **Janice Maercklein Haines '59**

My choir kids in my first job loved the group, especially the small ensembles. Several piano students achieved honors and majored in music. **Ramona Johnson McCullough '60**

As a performer, you feel your impact from the response of the audience. I feel, however, that my strongest impact as a musician was as a teacher of voice and opera and as a mentor. I've seen my students grow as musicians and performers and go on to various careers—teaching, opera, Broadway etc. **Judith Auer '63**

When I was first teaching at a junior high, it became clear that there was a segment of the school population that was very marginalized. Together with the school social worker, we integrated those kids into the chorus and were able to see them really blossom! **Mary Herzog Flynn (Sister Melissa) '67**

When someone told me I helped them pray through my music. **Catherine Cahill Hamilton '67**

I was working with an elderly group of patients, some of whom were nonverbal. After being assigned to another ward in the state hospital, I had stopped to visit the geriatric ward. A patient who had not spoken before, looked up to me and said: "We used to have music and it was fun." **Her words truly communicated the power of music in someone's life. – Mary Karasch Bormann '73**

Working with a lady who had dementia. She had very limited verbal skills, but could sing every word of every song! **That was a connection of the heart! Wanda Kocer Plachecki '73**

When my students performed with expression, feeling and love for music, I knew I was a good teacher. **Susan Hall Colletti '75**

From the first year on, I have received letters of thanks and gratitude from parents and students too numerous to count! **Susan Stehr Davey '75**

Awesome to know my music was being used in hospices. **Maureen McGowan Pranghofer '76**

When 2 of my students became professionals, Jodi Benson, who was the voice of Ariel in The Little Mermaid and Joe Mantello, who performed in Broadway musicals. **Laura Dagnold '78**

It has always been the smiles on my students' faces when we make music together. **Joan Oertli Wilberding '78**

When I played guitar and sang at the bedside of a person who was dying, I was struck by the comfort it brought to him and his family. Every time I do a funeral I realize that it's the most important thing I do. In the planning and in the liturgy, they can be held by God's embrace. **Katherine Snook Smiley '80**

As the music therapist who was called out in the night or during the day to sing to a person leaving this world to enter the next. The peace it gave not only to the dying resident, but to the family. A unique experience for them to always remember their loved one with the songs they would hear in the future and bring them back to that moment. It brought peace to all involved. **Malia Fox '81**

Knowing that I have impacted several students who have gone on to Music Education for their career. Also being the CCSD Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017. **Lucinda Colwell McGearly '81**



I think the first time I named IT out loud was when I was a volunteer at a camp for the developmentally challenged back in the summer of 1982 before my last year at CST. One of the fellows I was a counselor for would get upset easily. Once I started singing "My Favorite Things" he would mellow and become more calm. That was the beginning of me realizing that me singing can help calm people. **Rosine Hermodson-Olsen '83**

When teaching at St. Raymond's there was a visiting string quartet that performed for the school. They introduced a theme and asked the students to indicate when they had heard it in the piece. The students hands shot up at the appropriate time. It was a proud moment for me, I just smiled as the kids completed the task with great accuracy. The musicians complimented the students on their fine listening skills. **Cheryl Yenter '83**



Drum circle that is held regularly as part of a music therapy program with **Angi Stafki Hansen '86**.

Writing a series of songs with a young student to help address her feelings upon the illness and subsequent death of her father. **Mary Snyder '84**

Probably when I sang my first solo at 13. I surprised my parents and many others who didn't know how well I could sing at that time. **Angela Stafki Hansen '86**

**ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE A YOUNG MUSICIAN STARTING OUT TODAY?**

Don't give up on the instrument you start, or at least use it as a springboard to learn another instrument. It is a discipline and joy you will use for the rest of your life. Engage the BEST teacher you can find. **Charlotte McGill Brook-Signor '56**

Major in music but choose another field as music is a difficult field especially as a performer. A music major always can enjoy the love. **Ramona Johnson McCullough '60**

Be sure you love music so much that you could never be happy doing something else to earn a living.

**Judith** in Munich. The Bavarian State Opera 1974. In costume and makeup for the role of Curra in LaForza del Destino.



It is not an easy path, but if you love music, you will find a way to succeed. Be versatile, be open to options, and take chances. **Judith Auer '63**

Remember that nurturing a love of music, an appreciation of music is so much more important than any test scores or winning awards. They will come if the kids are engaged and doing their best. **Mary Herzog Flynn (Sister Melissa) '67**

A career in music is very demanding but you meet fabulous people along the way and opportunities to grow as a musician and person will be endless. It is a career that one can continue into their elderly years. **Mary Karasch Bormann '73**

Take your practice time seriously, but realize you are making music! **Lois Wolfe Steiner '73**

You can play music throughout your life. You may not be able to support a family as a musician, but you can still perform. **Stephen Kelleher '74**



Visiting Nurse Assn. Sunapee Singers  
New London/Lakes Region of New Hampshire  
Director, Charlotte McGill Signor (2009 - 2017)

Keep involved with your own music making as a musician. **Susan Hall Colletti '75**

Put to music what your heart says. **Maureen McGowan Pranghofer '76**

Be patient, be prepared & be enthusiastic! **Joan Oertli Wilberding '78**

Don't take yourself too seriously! Always work for 'perfection', but never put it above humanity. Working in church music, leave room for the spirit to work. Enable and encourage others and remember it's not about you! Admit your mistakes, laugh about them, and move on! **Katherine Snook Smiley '80**

Follow your heart, your dreams and your melodies. Even if you aren't hired to perform or work in music, music can not be taken from you and you will always use it in some fashion. **Malia Fox '81**

Find your passion and go for it. Trust your heart and what it's saying to you. Find a good mentor, ask questions and listen. **Rosine Hermodson-Olsen '83**

In the field of Music Education there is a massive need for compassionate teachers who impart a love of all kinds of music. Music is the language we all can speak. If you are passionate about the music you teach, your students will be passionate about the music they learn and perform. **Cheryl Yenter '83**

Learning how to play/sing in an ensemble is just as important as learning how to play/lead alone, so take advantage of opportunities to play/sing in numerous situations. Also, be able to play Happy Birthday on the piano (with flourishes if possible!) at a moments notice! **Mary Snyder '84**

If you love what you do and who you're doing it for-stick with it! **Angela Stafki Hansen '86**

**FUNNIEST CST CLASSROOM INCIDENT YOU REMEMBER WHILE IN COLLEGE?**  
**(RELATED TO THE MUSIC PROGRAM)**

Can't remember anything specifically funny, but I do recall having great joy while directing the choral groups while at CST. **Janice Maercklein Haines '59**



**Never without a song!** Kathy Snook entertains at a Coffeehouse performance.

It seemed that I liked to use the pedal on the piano TOO MUCH. **Sister Ethelreda** would actually jump down and remove my foot from the pedal to make the point "less is more!" It was quite a scene. **Mary Karasch Bormann '73**

When we were in techniques of brass and there was this awful odor we could never figure out what it was until one day Dr. Echelard had us go outside and hose down the instruments and we found a dead bird in the tuba. **Maureen McGowan Pranghofer '76**

Eight a.m. class with **Sister Ethelreda**...she told all of us we had to bathe because her classroom smelled of body odor...then class continued as normal. **Laura Dagnold '78**

For my last vocal lesson with **Sister Lalonde**, I snuck a bottle of wine into her studio & with my accompanist we toasted a fun 4 years at CST. **Joan Oertli Wilberding '78**

We (vocal students of **Sister Lalonde's**) were always trying to kid her, play tricks, or get out of a lesson. Before

one lesson, **Pat Preston**, my accompanist, roomie, and friend, were in the music lounge before my lesson pretending to smoke with candy cigarettes. As we did the same in Lalonde's studio, Sister Lalonde took Pat's 'cigarette' broke them and started pushing them at Pat. When she said "Hey, I'm just the piano player." Sister Lalonde said "Well, I couldn't do it to Kathy, because I could hurt her hip!" **Katherine Snook Smiley '80**



Cheryl Yenter, Marcia Kroll - Sister Recital.



One time in the early 70's a bomb threat had been made to CST – possibly St. Cecelia Hall. We were in strings class with **Sister Genevieve Speltz**. Sr. Gen ran into the classroom screaming frantically, "Everyone out, Everyone out! There's been a square bomb! A bomb square! No, no, I mean a bomb scare!" We were all quite amused and it definitely took the edge off any immediate danger. But we all left in orderly fashion (snickering all the while). **Malia Fox '81**

I don't really have one off the top of my head. I do remember directing a piece about the Cedars of Lebanon that **Dr. R.** said he had never really cared for until that time. That was such a nice compliment and certainly encouraged me in that class and going forward. **Rosine Hermodson-Olsen '83**

Finishing the required series of Music Theory classes is always a relief. Our class (1983) created a special musical drama, As the Chord Resolves and performed it in our last class to the delight of our instructor **Ms. Lisa Derry**. One of the songs we parodied was "Kiss today goodbye, the major minor chords and the triads, we did what we had to do...What we did for theory." The puns continued in that vein. We were extremely glad to leave our last theory class behind us! **Cheryl Yenter '83**

Not really a classroom incident, but private lesson-**Sister Ethelreda** chuckling and calling me her “Huckleberry Kid” because I loved wearing bib overalls at that time and kicking off my shoes to be barefoot! **Angela Stafki Hansen ‘86**

### BEST ADVICE YOU EVER GOT WHILE ATTENDING CST?

Ask yourself what you can do for others to thank God for the talents He has given you. **Charlotte McGill Brook-Signor ‘56**

I had many interactions with many fabulous nuns – not just the music instructors – **Sister Faber, Dr. Holloway** – but **Sisters Emmanuel and Romana**, -- were just some of the intelligent, strong woman that I was privileged to spend time with. **Janice Maercklein Haines ‘59**

Follow through on your love of English. I completed an English major also and find it complimentary to music. **Ramona Johnson McCullough ‘60**

The most important advice was from **Sister Lorraine** and it was life changing. Sister Lorraine was moderator of the Yearbook and I was layout editor. She, not the French Department, told me to apply for a Fulbright and French Government Assistantship and she helped me with the application. I was stunned when I received the award. Had I not received it, I would have been a stewardess with United Airlines which would have been a good steady job. However, I probably never would have become an opera singer and had a life so full of adventure and challenge. **Judith Auer ‘63**

We were discussing music performance verses teaching. **Sister Genevieve Speltz ‘51** was making the case for teaching. She said, “You can be a performer in the classroom.” When I became a special education teacher, I found that she was right; I felt like I was doing standup comedy and it was fun. **Stephen Kelleher ‘74**

Keep performing and practicing. **Susan Hall Colletti ‘75**

Everyone, no matter how talented they are can totally blow it in front of people. **Maureen McGowan Pranghofer ‘76**

Those who can, perform...those who can’t, teach...I still don’t sing in front of people, but I was an awesome teacher & choir director. **Laura Dagnold ‘78**

Money was very tight for me in college & always a worry. One of the music faculty called me in and said she would write a check to help me stop worrying so much. *I didn’t take the check but to know someone cared about me that much touched me forever!* **Joan Oertli Wilberding ‘78**

Be true to yourself as a woman. Don’t be afraid of failure. Stay close to God and let the example of women like

Saint Teresa help you do that, and don’t take yourself too seriously! **Katherine Snook Smiley ‘80**

You are a liberally educated Choice Maker: you can handle this! **Cheryl Yenter ‘83**

**Lisa Derry** our piano instructor told me “Someday you’ll wish you had time to practice, so take advantage of it now!” I didn’t believe her, but she was right! **Mary Snyder ‘84**

To listen to each other when playing/singing in a group. We all create the best music when we do it together. **Angela Stafki Hansen ‘86**



**Wanda Kocer Plachecki ‘83 and Sister Ethelreda Fisch ‘27** at one of their visits at Assisi Heights.

### MOST IMPORTANT LIFE LESSON(S) YOU LEARNED FROM YOUR CST MUSIC DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTORS?

Persistence, Accuracy, Kindness. **Charlotte McGill Brook-Signor ‘56**

During my time at CST, **Sister Ancille** invited me to join the CST orchestra and she would teach me to play the timpani. I short-sightedly declined – thought I was too busy, but I’ve often regretted that. I would encourage everyone to take every opportunity to experience as much as possible. **Janice Maercklein Haines ‘59**

“Practice Practice” from **Sister Ethelreda**. I was in fear of her if I didn’t. We became very close and I wrote and visited her many times. I attended her Jubilee, visited a couple of times after her 100th birthday and also her funeral. **Ramona Johnson McCullough ‘60**

Especially the music nuns were so encouraging and affirming. I knew I was not destined to be a great pianist, actually only adequate, but they never gave up on me. **Mary Herzog Flynn (Sister Melissa) ‘67**



Use your talent—a gift to be shared. **Catherine Cahill Hamilton '67**

The music faculty expected a level of excellence from the students and from themselves. It is important for any career or life in general. —**Mary Karasch Bormann '73**  
**Sister Ethelreda** always started you out with a “D”.

You had to work your way towards an “A”. She taught me that anything is possible with commitment and work. **Wanda Kocer Plachecki '73**

Success comes from working hard, but working ‘hard’ means working ‘long’. You have to put in the time. **Stephen Kelleher '74**

Tenacity and patience in life and in teaching. **Susan Hall Colletti '75**

Watch, observe, listen to people see what makes them tick. **Maureen McGowan Pranghofer '76**

Always care for your students—each of my teachers exemplified that while teaching. **Laura Dagnold '78**

#1 Care about others. #2 Practice, work hard, have fun. **Joan Oertli Wilberding '78**

First, my ‘instructors’ were not just there in the classroom! I learned so much in the chapel. I learned the Franciscan charism of celebration. **Katherine Snook Smiley '80**

Hard work. Versatility, creativity. We had some pretty strong women leading us and forming our futures. I’m proud to say that some of that rubbed off on me. **Malia Fox '81**

The examples they were to us of how to live a life of integrity and respect for each other and for and towards us. **Rosine Hermodson-Olsen '83**

Practice makes perfect, or at least gets you in the right direction. The instructors expected that we work hard, know the music assigned, and be able to improve from week to week and year to year. Participating in the Music club was a way to learn to create community and to hone organizational skills. Performing in concerts and recitals taught me poise and showmanship and teamwork. **Cheryl Yenter '83**

Work hard! Practice makes one prepared—not perfect! Always keep learning and growing. Be confident and be yourself. **Angela Stafki Hansen '86**

**WHO WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT / MOST MEMORABLE MUSIC INSTRUCTORS AT CST (UP TO THREE) AND WHY WERE THEY SO SPECIAL?**

**Sister Marcelline** for her exemplary character and her teaching of fine musicianship. **Sister Roseritha** for her love of life and musicianship. **Dr. Holloway** for her keen scholarship. **Charlotte McGill Brook-Signor '56**

**Sister Faber** was my piano instructor. She challenged me but permitted me to grow in my own way. **Sister Ancille** who directed the Gregorian chant and liturgy with her emphasis on developing the perfect sound. **Dr. Holloway** was an impressive composer. **Janice Maercklein Haines '59**

I had respect for **Dr. Holloway** and her theory and orchestration classes. **Sister Faber** gave a good history of music. **Ramona Johnson McCullough '60**

Like many freshman singers, I had been the “star” of my small high school glee club and thought I knew how to sing. **Miss Hennig**, the CST voice teacher, was stern and unimpressed and showed me that I had a lot of work to do to improve my technique. I am eternally grateful to her for this. Fortunately, 15 years later I ran into her by chance at a Voice Teacher's Conference (NATS) and was able to thank her personally. **Judith Auer '63**

**Sister Ethelreda** was so wonderful and encouraging, **Sister Jeremy** (French) helped me believe in myself. **Mary Herzog Flynn (Sister Melissa) '67**

**Dr. Paul Parthun**—amazing choral director—I think of him often. Taught me so much in the short time I was his vocal student. **Sister Ethelreda**—always there to encourage and care! **Dr. Holloway**—great teacher—found a real love for analyzing music because of her! Wicked & dry sense of humor! **Catherine Cahill Hamilton '67**

**Kathy Snook Smiley '80** at St. Paul's on UW campus for “Light Rights” of Easter Vigil before she sang the Exsultet.



I can't choose just three. **Dr. Elizabeth Holloway**: highly trained in harmony/composition at Eastman. What wonderful classes we had with her. **Sister Lalonde Ryan**: glorious voice, taught all of us as though we were the “best ever” singer and provided us the opportunity of Triple Trio. **Dr. Mary Nicholas**: inspirational teacher of human behavior, effects of music therapy to improve the lives of others and her focus on research in music. **Dr. Don Eche-lard**: the kindest and gentlest teacher to be found. **Sister Ethelreda Fisch**: for her dynamic personality and excellence as a piano teacher. **Sister Genevieve Speltz**: for serving as conductor/artistic director for the orchestra. Imagine having a full orchestra in such a small school. Wish I knew where to find her violin. I remember the beautiful sound. **Mary Karasch Bormann '73**

**Sister Genevieve Speltz**, was my first violin instructor, and she set a high standard of excellence. Even though I had a piano/organ background, learning the violin was a life-long dream of mine. Mastering the violin proved to be a constant challenge, and remains part of my current musical life. I remember those practice rooms, where many hours were spent, some with tears... others with some sense of achievement. **Lois Wolfe Steiner '73**

**Dr. Donald Echelard, Sister Genevieve Speltz, and Charles Pederson** (my guitar instructor) all remained active performers as they pursued teaching careers. **Stephen Kelleher '74**

I would have to offer my greatest thanks to **Elsie Naylor**, my organ instructor. I was starting late in life as an organ student and she gave me a wonderful background in literature and technique that I still make use of today with my students. Also, throughout the years, I've taught Music Theory and find myself being grateful for the theory program at CST. Again, I refer back to CST on many instances of instruction even today. **Kathleen Walsh (Kelleher) Schreier '74**

**Sister Lalonde Ryan, Sister Franchon Pirkl and Sister Ethelreda Fisch**; They never gave up on me and continued to support and encourage me as a musician and student. **Susan Hall Colletti '75**

**Sister Lalonde Ryan** is such a special, inspiring person-kind, encouraging, teaching us how to face all of life's hardships with strength and grace. She and I are still good friends-in fact, after my breast cancer surgery 6 years ago she had **Sister Brianna** take me into their home and nursed me back to health. She is the most amazing person I have ever met. Also, **Dr. Elizabeth Hollway**, who was so highly intelligent and professional-demanding only the best of us. **Susan Stehr Davey '75**

**Dr. Mary Nicholas** had such deep thoughts which made me do well in music therapy. **Sister Lalonde...** her wonderful joy. **Sister Ethelreda** gave me discipline, the only time I stuck to it. **Maureen McGowan Pranghofer '76**

**Weyburn Wasson** he was so quirky, but he instilled a sense of self-confidence in me. He believed in me...**Laura Dagnold '78**

**Sister Lalonde Ryan!** She was my vocal teacher, music methods teacher & friend. We are still in contact with each other. **Sister Ethelreda** was also very memorable. **Joan Oertli Wilberding '78**

The most significant music instructor was **Sister Lalonde**. Her care for her students, and me personally was so important for me to keep going through the physical pain I had while attending CST. Her determination in bringing out my natural voice has enabled me to keep singing through the religious and vocally challenging work in

church music. **Sister Cecily** wasn't a classroom instructor, but she was the one who taught me good liturgical celebration. **Dr. Rusterholz** was wonderful as conductor of the chamber choir. **Katherine Snook Smiley '80**

**Sister Lalonde** – she was genuine and compassionate to all students. **Mary Nichols** – such an advocate in our world. Strong, convicted, dedicated woman. **Sister Ethelreda** – taught us music theory and meant business! **Malia Fox '81**

**Sister Lalonde**-A wonderful vocal coach and person. Sister Lalonde helped me polish my speaking and singing voice. **Lucinda Colwell McGeary '81**



Wanda Kocer Plachecki '83 with the Chamber Choir on their trip to California.

**Sister Lalonde** because she believed in my voice. I transferred to CST after a year at a different institution where the vocal teacher over worked my voice and pushed me into a habit of forcing my voice. Sr. Lalonde was so patient with me and my voice. It took 2 ½ years to undo what had taken place that first year I wasn't at CST. **Dr. Rusterholtz** was so good to all of us in the Chorale. He was very patient with all of us and his directing has influenced and made me the director I am today with any choirs I have the privilege to direct. Both Sister Lalonde and Dr. R. are my examples of how to help others sing and use their voices. I still use the warm ups they had us do when I warm up any choirs I work with. And, how they treated us as students, musicians and choirs modeled for me how I treat those I work with and make music with. **Rosine Hermodson-Olsen '83**

From **Dr. Paul Rusterholz** I learned how to conduct a vocal choir in a way that does not add to vocal stress for the singers. His fine vocal conducting is the standard by which I judge other vocal conductors. From **Sister Ethelreda** I learned to play piano. She held me to high standards. I have to say that I was not the only student that cried during her lessons, but she would just say "now dearie, you can do this, just practice more. Of course she was right!" She "made" me participate in recitals and I was scared to death and shaking. But I got through it. That experience taught me that perseverance is an important.

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## **(Director’s report continued from page 4)**

scholarships too. The Undergraduate program continues for those attending a Catholic institute (maximum of \$2,000). The Graduate program is for any accredited program (maximum of \$2,500). YOU may now sponsor up to TWENTY applications, so please remember this program when your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends are attending college. Our continuing education program for all CST alumnae (those attending at least ONE YEAR at CST) has a new name, the “Teresan Enrichment” program (maximum of \$1,500). This program is for any alumna interested in self-improvement by attending a retreat, workshop, coursework, or learning how to do something you’ve always wanted to try. *Now is your opportunity!*

Our staff is working hard every day to help you stay connected with one another through chapter area events, newsletters, website, and the reunion weekend. Staff is essential to keep accurate records and stay organized to help carry out our mission. This year we will work with our board to develop our strategic plan for the next phase of the Alumnae Association. Our President’s Message above has more on the strategic plan.

I encourage you to review our Treasurer’s Report below to see our financial picture today and our projections for the future. Your support is essential each and every year to keep our future looking bright.

If you have any suggestions or comments on strategic plan and/or the future of our Alumnae Association, please email me: [colleen@cstalums.org](mailto:colleen@cstalums.org)

May these winter days lead into a bright and sunny spring, renewing our spirit, filled with hope and all its possibilities!

*Peace and all good, Colleen*

## **Treasurer’s Report – Mary Frohnauer ‘77**

### **Introduction:**

Welcome to the first annual column on the finances of the CST Alumnae Association. My goal in writing this column is to help all of you have a better understanding of the structure of your Association behind the scenes. If I am successful, it will be clear to all alums why their support is crucial to the Alumnae Association’s continuation. And I hope you will see one or two ways for you to make a difference that are easy and very effective.

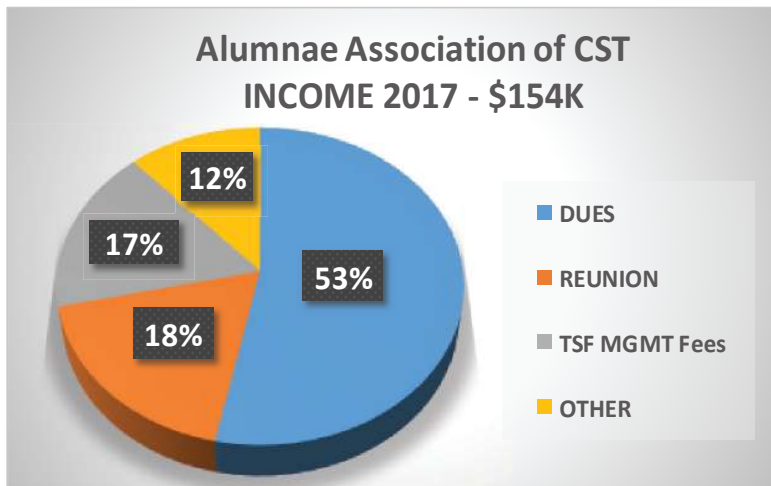
I am a retired doctor (endocrinology was my specialty). Because of my lack of financial background I appreciate having monetary issues presented to me in simple terms – at least at the beginning. Many of you probably share my situation when you tackle financial projects. So I hope the following explanations and charts help you as much as they helped me.

### **Overview:**

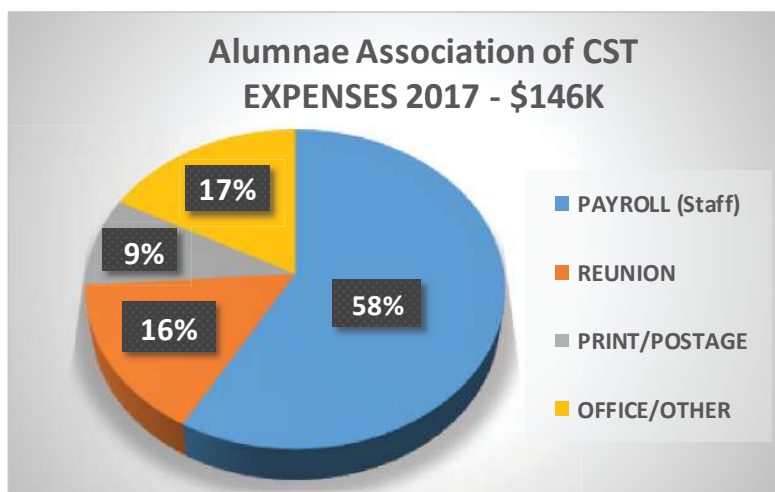
There are three pools of funds that the Alumnae Association controls: the *Alumnae Association of CST* account, the *Teresan Scholarship Fund* account, and the *CSTea House Inc.* account. We will look at each separately.

**Alumnae Association of CST (see Chart #1 & #2):**

As you can see, the major income for the Alumnae Association derives principally from dues, with a smaller but substantial portion that is paid from the Teresan Scholarship Fund to the Alumnae Association. The money from the scholarship fund is payment for our management of all scholarship requests and distributions – work that is handled by our staff and CST



Board members. Our annual reunion is a relatively small portion of the money flow, typically well-balanced between income and expenses.

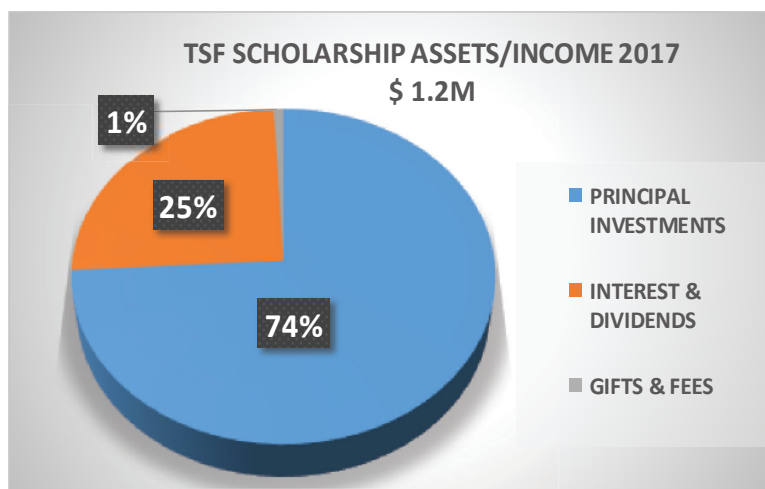


The largest overall expense for the Association is for staff. Without staff to coordinate all the activities you benefit from, we would not have efficient and effective programs. Other office expenses include printing, postage, insurance, taxes, computers, copier, etc. I hope that you can clearly see with the chart visual the importance of DUES. This is the big reason why the Board is so strongly encouraging you to **pay annual dues** – even during years when you are

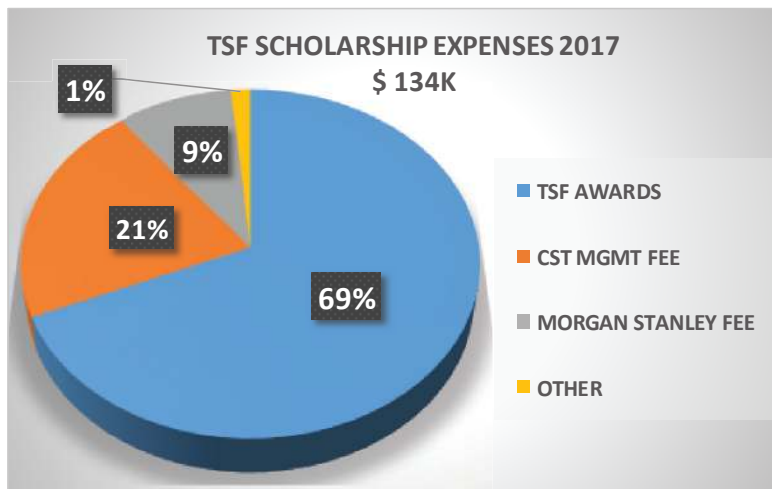
not planning to attend reunion. Dues support is crucial to keeping the Alumnae Office open, and your connection to your friends and legacy of CST.

**Teresan Scholarship Fund (see Chart #3 & #4):**

The scholarship fund started in 1991 with \$722,000 of original endowment money. Since that time Teresans have awarded over 1,683 awards totaling just over \$1,000,000 in scholarships (*way to go ladies!*). Currently the total in all scholarship funds is \$ 1,233,800. Last year we awarded almost \$92,000, and the Board has modified guidelines so that even more scholarship money is available in 2018. In addition to paying scholarship

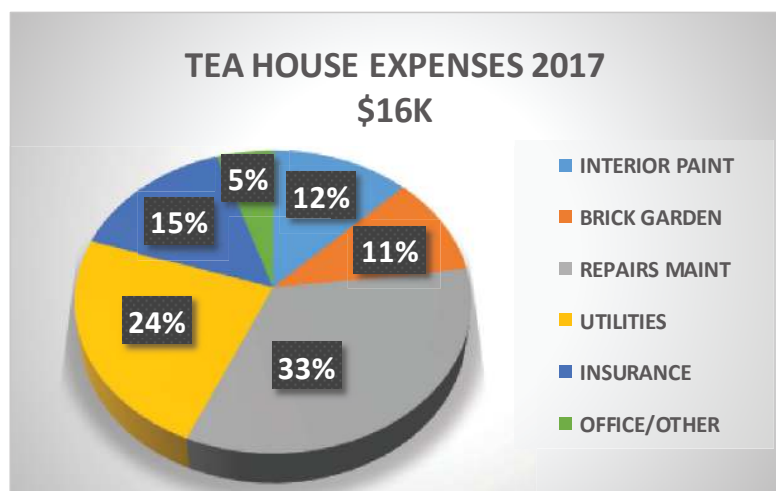
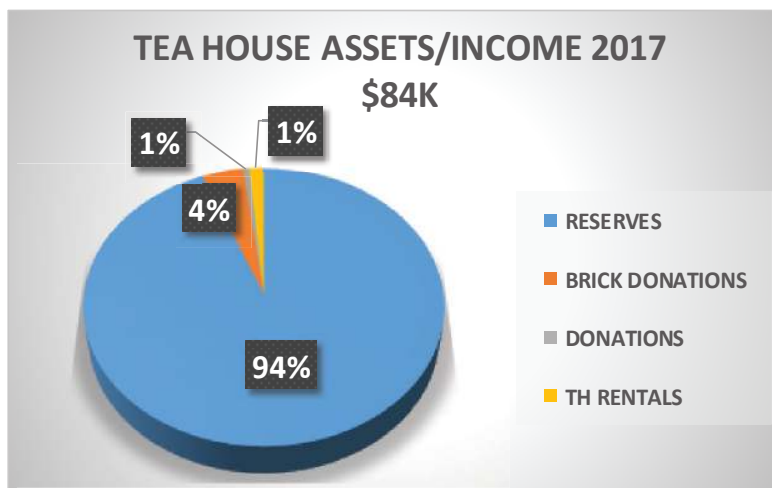


recipients, money from the fund goes for office management to the Alumnae Association (*that's us, ladies*). We also pay Morgan Stanley a financial management fee. The Board has been very satisfied with the expertise of our advisor at Morgan Stanley; as you can see from the brief history provided here, our investments have done well! We are grateful to our alumnae who continue to also donate to this fund so we can continue our mission of providing educational opportunities.



**CST House, Inc. (see Chart #5 & #6):**

The Tea House account currently contains about \$68,000. There is no regular annual income. There have been intermittent special appeals (like the brick project) that have supplemented the Tea House account. Annual expenses for utilities, insurance, and small maintenance requires about \$12,000. Major projects like roof and furnace replacement have been made in recent years.



Although the board does not anticipate any major expenses in the next five years, we currently have only enough money to cover normal Tea House expenses for the next 5-7 years.

If you would like to make a *tax-deductible gift* to help keep the Tea House open, please send your donation to:

***CSTea House, Inc., 357 Gould Street, Winona, MN 55987***

## Membership Levels

A very huge THANK YOU to you all for paying your membership dues on a regular basis. Our 2017-2018 membership levels include anyone who has paid above the \$50 regular dues, although we appreciate all those who send in dues. Next year if you can help by sending in a little extra, we will add you to the list of these wonderful Teresans. Thanks!

### **CAMPANILE \$1,000+**

*JANE WAGNER RENOIR* 1943  
*JEAN DORE MILLS* 1961  
*SANDRA KAISER SIMON* 1972

### **SAINT FRANCIS \$500+**

*LINDA DUNHAM VENNER* 1967  
*LINDA RISHAVY JOHNSON* 1972  
*KIM FEBEL FIGLIULO* 1976  
*MARY J KOMPARDA* 1982

### **SAINT TERESA \$250+**

*MILDRED LILLA WACHOWIAK* 1947  
*MARY AG MCCLORY TRAUSSCHT* 1950  
*JANE NUGENT STEWART* 1950  
*ADDY RADECHEL MURTAUGH* 1951  
*MARY PAT SCHAEFER MIDDLETON* 1952  
*LUCY FARLEY FISHER* 1960  
*MARY ANN COSTELLO HAMLIN* 1960  
*CAROL BREZA WOODEN* 1962  
*MARY ANN WERA REMICK* 1964  
*DONNA LAROCQUE ESKRA* 1965  
*KATHLEEN WIMER* 1966  
*FRANCES BOWLER EDSTROM* 1967  
*DONNA FREY* 1968  
*GAYLE HEIDL MCCAFFREY* 1969  
*MONICA MALONEY-MITROS* 1970  
*BERNICE E BERNIS* 1971  
*LOIS AHERN* 1971  
*JO SUILMAN STEJSKAL* 1972  
*MARY TURCIN VANMETER* 1972  
*SUSAN SKALON STILLWELL* 1972  
*REBECCA LYNN REBICH* 1973  
*KATHLEEN DESMOND SHORT* 1975  
*BARBARA SMITH REIS* 1977  
*MARY KAY STEPANIK MCDERMOTT* 1977  
*CAROL SWANSON* 1978

*VIRGINIA NOVASCONE PRENDERGAST* 1978

*KAREN SPEER HERMAN* 1981

*BETH DEMMER ADAIR* 1987

### **SAINT CLARE \$100 +**

*KATHRYN KNOBLOCH BOSSUYT* 1941  
*ELIZABETH BUNTING DEAN* 1943  
*PATRICIA MCDONALD KELLER* 1946  
*ANN PUCHNER CRONIN BOCK* 1946  
*HELEN WERR HERMANSEN* 1947  
*PATRICIA HILL* 1948  
*ROSEMARY WOODWARD WALKER* 1949  
*MARGARET MANAHAN LANE* 1950  
*JUNE FUJIWARA BRIESKE* 1950  
*MARY LANE WABISZEWSKI* 1950  
*BONNIE DOERING GALLAGHER* 1951  
*MADONNA RABOIN MCCUTCHEON* 1953  
*JACQUELINE SCHULZ* 1953  
*MARTHA HOULE TOMASHEK* 1953  
*PATRICIA DINNEEN WUERGER* 1953  
*ANN BREITBART CAMPBELL-MORIN* 1953  
*ALICE MERCIER RUGGIERI* 1953  
*BOBBIE BRACKEN SKEMP* 1954  
*JOANN AMENT HESSELMANN SMITH* 1954  
*NANCY FULLERTON FLOOD* 1955  
*MARY SHEA COX* 1955  
*DOROTHY PECHOLT GEIS* 1955  
*JEAN JOYCE REGAN* 1955  
*DORIS SURPRENANT PETERSON* 1955  
*JANET KELLY BOHAN* 1955  
*JACQUELINE ALLEN LICHTY* 1955  
*CHAR COOPER HENDRICKSON* 1955  
*JOAN RIEMER-ELSER* 1956  
*NANCY MARKS RILEY* 1956  
*NANCY BAUMGARDT ENGLISH* 1957  
*LORIE KORBACK FITZSIMMONS* 1957

RITA ROSS JOHNSTON	1957	GWEN HECHT THOMPSON	1964
ELIZABETH POEHLING MCKILLIP	1957	JOANNA WENCK NORTH	1964
MOLLIE FREY SHERRY	1958	MARCELLA BREKKEN MCCONVILLE	1964
MARY ANN SPELTZ ERPELDING	1958	PAT PIERCE LANGER	1964
COLLEEN SCHAEFER BRENNER	1958	ANNE WINANDY SCHAEFER	1965
JOANNE PRENDERGAST LISCHKE	1959	ROSE ABTS CURRIE	1965
SHIRLEY BRENNER SCHEIDEL	1959	MARY BLANEY SICHZ	1965
BETTY LOU MCCARTER MISHER	1959	CHERIE FITZSIMMONS FENSTERMAKER	1965
KITTY MERRICK JANSEN	1959	MICHELE KOHL	1965
MARY RUSSELL CARLSON	1959	KATHLEEN MCGRATH DIFFLEY	1965
JAN HATHAWAY-OTT	1959	SHARON WEISENBECK MALIN	1966
AUDREY CORRIGAN GRAZNAK	1959	ROZANNE SCHMIDTLEIN	1966
LADONNA BUKER KIESNER	1959	SHEILA GARVEY TICHY	1966
BARBARA DURAND	1959	DOROTHY PROSE	1966
DIANA KITTELSON	1960	CHRISTINE SCHMITZ JACOBS	1966
CAROL SCHERMETZLER EKMAN	1960	SUSAN KAMP	1966
NORA KANE NAAS	1960	GAIL MARSCHALL AUBRECHT	1967
ROSEMARY EVANSON BOEZI	1960	REOLA BELLARD-REED	1967
PAT MCGRATH REICHENBACHER	1960	CHRISTINE WROBLEWSKI OLSON	1967
DIANA M BARRY	1960	MARY OMARA HAMBLET	1967
ANNE MCCORMICK GAMBER	1960	MARY FENNO HAGELIE	1967
JEAN PURCELL SKEMP	1960	ELIZABETH KREMBS CHARNECKI	1968
FRAN GUZALDO WISNIEWSKI	1960	MAUREEN COTTER PLITZUWEIT	1968
MERCEDES BRABENDER MCGOWEN	1961	MICAELA BENNETT SIERACKI	1968
KATHY BRENNAN RONAN	1961	MIDGE RICHMOND HUDRLIK	1968
KIRSTEN FLESCHE KURTZ	1961	MICHELE CASSEL CHRISTNER	1968
DOROTHY DAIS KEENAN	1961	MARY SCHERER SMITH	1968
JOANN DEVITO BINGHAM	1961	LINDA FREIDHEIM HEFFERNAN	1968
BARBARA JOHNSON DIXON	1962	CANDACE YOUNG FRIE	1968
PATRICIA QUINLAN OCHOTA	1962	JOAN PETZKA MOEN	1968
PEG WILLIAMS BIERDEN	1962	MARY YULE JELINEK	1969
YVONNE SHOBAKEN GUCKEEN	1962	KATHLEEN HAEFLIGER	1969
SHARON HAND OBRIEN	1963	ANITA BRANDEL HOFFMANN	1969
MARGARET MILLER DUGO	1963	ANN MILLER PERSOON	1969
LAVONNE SELLERS EDDY	1963	KATHLEEN POWERS OLIARO	1969
BRIDGET DOYLE	1963	TRISHA KENNEDY MENONI	1969
ARLENE BLANK	1963	ROSEMARIE RUDA FURLONG	1969
SANDRA LUEKEN RUTTER	1964	MARY RUHOFF-HARTSTEIN	1970
ELIZABETH CERVINSKI ANDREWS	1964	MARY BENNETT LAUHEAD	1970
MELODIE OBRIEN MARKS	1964	KAREN PARETI CLAEYS	1970
ANN WIER SHUMPERT	1964	SUSAN WAGNER MCLAUGHLIN	1970
KAREN BISCHER VRSHEK	1964		

JULIE ROHAN MACKENZIE	1971	DENISE SIMONET SWANSON	1977
ANNE MCCORMICK-KLODD	1971	JANE KALLAN-MARRA	1977
LAURA KEARNEY SCHENK	1971	MERLE POWELL SNEARLY	1977
DONNA OBEREMBT	1971	NANCY VANDERAH RONDONI	1977
CONNIE MALLANEY ROCHE	1971	TERI COLLINS	1977
PEG GIEHTBROCK SCHRADER	1971	MARY ROWAN HARRITY	1977
MARTHA S CAVERS	1971	CECILIA RYAN DACQUISTO	1977
CHRISTINE REIDINGER HAAS	1972	KAREN MACHLICA	1977
CLARE WINTERS CULLEN	1972	DONNA VAN DE VELDE TAUCHEN	1977
MARILYNN HAMILTON NEUVILLE	1972	KATHLEEN A JONES	1978
MARTI MURRAY	1972	DEBRA DOBMEIER LAPORTE	1978
MARY MENARD CUSTER	1972	PHYLLIS CARLILE MAGELKY	1978
SHARON KAUFMAN AHERN	1972	JOANIE FALLON DOMANICO	1978
JEAN HUTTON BOYLAN	1972	NANCY WOBSCHALL TSCHAEKOFKSKE	1978
LYNN CUPPINI MCCONVILLE	1972	CELIA GERADS STEINBRING	1978
PEGGY BYRON CARR	1972	JOAN E ERPENBACH	1978
JACQUELINE THILGES KLUCK	1973	JANETTE L GAUGER	1979
ALANA GALE BENTON	1973	KAREN A SALZ	1979
MARTHA ROSSINI OLSON	1973	KATHLEEN MURPHY	1979
TERRI WINTERING	1973	MARY GUTH	1979
MARY KARASCH BORMANN	1973	JAN KNOBBE JASPERSON	1979
DEBORAH LANGENDERFER NAGLE	1973	MARY SUILMANN	1980
PAULA BARNES	1973	KAREN M FRANK	1980
KATHLEEN MURPHY WALDECK	1973	DEBRA BENSON KRONEBUSCH	1980
SUSAN BARNES	1974	SHARON WOLFF	1980
MARY ERNST JANDACEK	1974	LAURIE HANSEN	1980
THERESE DENECKE-DATTALO	1974	MARY NOLL TIBOR	1980
DEEDEE SCHUBERT VAN DYKE	1974	CHARITY ROWAN FLOEN	1981
LANICE SCHIEFEN ENGBRETSON	1974	MARGARET MAJERUS NELSON	1981
THERESE DOUGOVETO GROSS	1975	JOAN STRONG GLOTZBACH	1981
CHRISTINE NOTTOLI-CAPLE	1975	JENNIFER MILLSAP	1981
ANN M RHODES	1975	REBECCA SCHABB STERLING	1982
BETTY FORD	1975	MARY BROWNELL ANDREW	1982
MARY BRIDGET WALSH COLLINS	1975	CONNIE SCHEID CAINE	1982
MAUREEN COLEMAN KELLY	1976	DEBORAH LEMKE LIBBESMEIER	1983
CYNTHIA MORTENSEN IVERSON	1976	YOUNG KIM LEE	1983
JUDITH REIDINGER MUNSON	1976	RITA M VOGEL	1983
JULIE HAYS DEVANE	1976	JANE CHRISTOPHERSON WEIERS	1983
JACKIE SMITH THOMPSON	1976	SANDRA MARY MASKELL	1984
TERESA MCNAMARA SPECK	1976	SARAH J KAUS	1984
CAROLE SIERACKI	1976	JUDI PERSOON LARSEN	1984
JILL MARIE KIELBLOCK	1977	MOLLY FLYNN	1984



MARY PAT SKELLY BOHN	1985	ANN BREITBART CAMPBELL-MORIN	1953
MARIA LOOMIS	1985	MARGARET MCCARTHY NAGLE	1953
HELEN SKEMP ROOP	1985	KATHERINE RAUSCHER SCHEUER	1953
BETH HAMMER	1986	MARY ANN PAPENFUSS BAMBENEK	1957
JEANNE ANDERSON	1986	SARAH JACKSON NARDACCI	1958
LAURA ANDELMAN ALLEN	1986	MARY MCANDREWS MARTIN	1961
CONNIE JONES GAVEL	1986	MARILYN GARDEN ZIESERL	1962
BARB BEMKE BUSWELL	1986	MARY ALLBEE PAULSEN	1964
KRISTIN THIELE HOLIEN	1986	DONNA MEILINGER SCHUH	1965
JOANNE MURPHY WARD	1986	ANN GOODBOUT MALANOSKI	1966
MARY BOHL LARSON	1988	KATHERINE HUELSKAMP CHICK	1968
KAREN MEIXNER LUNDHOLM	1990	BEA NEURAUTER MORNEAU	1969
MELANIE MASER BRUDEVOLD	1990	WENDY STORCH RYSAVY	1971
KAREN GULBRANSON BASSINGTHWAITE	1991	MARY KIRCHHOFF WANZER	1979
JOHN HENDELE III	AM	SHERRY F STOSKOPF	1980
GLORIA MILLER	AM	MARY TACHENY	1981
		DIANE SCHMIDT	1982

### FIFTY-ONE PLUS (\$ 51+)

PATRICIA KELLY SANTELMAN 1950

For many years, CST Executive Director, Colleen Kocer Peplinski '87 has been lending a hand in the decorating of Assisi Heights in preparation for their Christmas on the Hill. In this photo, Colleen single handedly decorated the main Christmas tree which was absolutely beautiful! Nice job Colleen!



# 2017 Tea House Memory Garden—Brick Designations

*Come see the bricks that are laid to honor our CST legacy!*

**LARGE BRICK - TOP GIVING LEVEL \$500**

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS KAY & RAY FREY - MOLLIE FREY SHERRY '58 & DONNA FREY '68  
 CHEMISTRY 1977 - TERI COLLINS - MARY FROHNAUER - CELINE GRAF LAUERMAN  
 FRIENDS FOREVER - CLASS OF 1967  
 IN MEMORY OF OUR 1967 CLASSMATES

**MEDIUM BRICK \$250**

IN HONOR OF A TRUE TERESAN LADY ADELINE RADECHEL MURTAUGH '51  
 IN MEMORY OF SISTER VITALIAN (SISTER CLARA LENZ) CST 1949 - 1950  
 MARGARET MARY ANDERSON  
 DINA LEE VINZANI DIED 2-21-2017 CLASS 1962



**BRICK ORDER FORM**



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First) (Maiden) (Last) (Year)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please **PRINT** text to be engraved on brick: 18 Characters maximum per line

\_\_\_\_\_ Please **check size** that is preferred  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Large \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \$250 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CHECK:** Mail Check to: *CSTea House, Inc., 357 Gould St, Winona, MN 55987*

**CREDIT CARD:** VISA / MasterCard / Discover

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ 3-digit CVD (on back of card) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE: Check # & Amt/ CCAuthCode# \_\_\_\_\_ TDate \_\_\_\_\_

## Comments from Past Recipients

*You too  
can do it!  
Apply  
today!*

Michelle Bailey '63

I cannot say  
how much this  
check means  
to me, other  
than it covers  
a whole two  
weeks pay  
from my job!

Sam French,  
cousin of Rose  
Abts Currie '65

Because of you, I am  
able to make lasting  
memories and receive  
an invaluable  
education at my  
dream school  
(St. Ben's).

Anne Dockendorf, daughter of  
Laura Theis Dockendorf '84

## Recipient Benefits . . .

- Professional Re-Certification
- Personal Enrichment
- Lifelong Learning Institute
- Prioritizing Catholic education
- Tuition, Room & Board expenses
- Study Abroad opportunities
- Internships/Travel expenses
- Graduating with diminished debt
- Support of educational goals

## Teresan Scholarship Opportunities for All Fall 2017 Policy Changes

Your Alumnae Board has made some changes we think you'll like!!

*\*A Benefit of Paid CST Alumnae Association Membership\**

### Did you know????

- Alumnae can now sponsor **20** scholarship awards
- Award values have increased
- Applicants receive notification of awards 4-6 weeks after the deadline.

### Teresan Enrichment Scholarship (formerly Continuing Education scholarship)

- Recipients can receive up to **\$1500**
- An alumna may receive a maximum of **five** awards
- Must be a paid Alumnae Association member
- Apply once per 12-month period
- Professional Workshops, Retreats, Lifelong Learning Institutes, Mission Trips, etc.

### Undergraduate Scholarship Criteria

- Undergraduates may receive an award up to **\$2000**
- An individual may receive a maximum of **four** awards
- Sponsorship by a paid Alumnae Association member
- Attendance at a Catholic Liberal Arts Institution
- Letter of recommendation (written within 6 months of application)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Deadlines are July 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>

### Graduate Scholarship Criteria

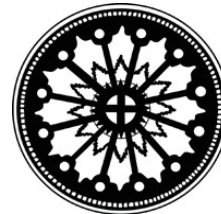
- Graduate students may receive an award up to **\$2500**
- An individual may receive a maximum of **four** awards
- Sponsorship by a paid Alumnae Association member (may be self)
- Attendance at an Accredited Graduate Program (Does NOT have to be Catholic)
- Letter of recommendation (written within 6 months of application)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Deadlines are July 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>

**We proudly awarded \$966,600 in scholarships since**

**1991, the inception of the Teresan Scholarship Fund.**

**Be a part of this Teresan Legacy!**

**Encourage, sponsor and apply yourself TODAY!**



## Scholarship Committee Members 2017

Connie Scheid Caine '82 - Chair  
Mariah Snyder '60  
Bridget Doyle '63  
Midge Richmond Hudlik '68  
Mary Tacheny '81  
Stephanine Martin Dustrud '85  
Rose Campanaro Carlson '87

## Contributing to the Scholarship Fund

The Teresan Scholarship Fund will continue to foster the commitment of the College of Saint Teresa to education, to the growth of the total person, to the sharing of one's talents, to service to others, and to supporting women and men as they nurture and develop their full capabilities. To do so, your tangible support is needed. Please consider contributing through:

- Annual giving
- Bequests
- Matching fund programs
- Stock contributions
- Chapter fundraising

**\*\*All donations to this 501(c)3 non-profit organization are tax-deductible.**

Give Online or Checks payable to:

**Teresan Scholarship Fund**  
357 Gould Street  
Winona MN 55987  
507-454-2930  
[www.cstalums.org/Scholarships](http://www.cstalums.org/Scholarships)

**What do these changes mean for you??? As a paid member of the Alumnae Association, you can Sponsor 20 applications for either Undergraduate scholarships at a Catholic University, or even Sponsor Graduate scholarships at any accredited institution. It's easy! Tell the student to download the application for our **JULY 1<sup>st</sup> deadline!****

**Go to our website: [www.cstalums.org/scholarship](http://www.cstalums.org/scholarship)**

**As a Teresan, life-long learning is a passion for most of us. That's why it's important for you to use the "Teresan Enrichment" program for YOURSELF! You may want to enrich your spiritual life at a retreat or learn something new, think professional workshops, or mission trips, or even lifelong learning institutes! Apply on the FIRST of each month (once every 12 months). You can qualify for up to FIVE AWARDS, up to \$1,500 per application. Now that's worth it! Call us today for more information: 507-454-2930.**

## 2017 Teresan Scholarship Awards

UNDERGRADUATE	SPONSORED BY	YEAR
MITCHELL ALLEN	LAURA ANDELMAN ALLEN	1986
ELISE BARNES	MARYLEE ALLEN FRIES	1960
CLARE BUNTROCK	HELEN BYRON KINGSLEY	1975
LOGAN CUNNINGHAM	JUDITH BROM CUNNINGHAM	1962
KELLIE ECKLUND	BARBARA SONNEN	1960
LAURA ECKLUND	BARBARA SONNEN	1960
MARK ELLMAN	JOANNE MURPHY WARD	1986
MICHAEL ELLMAN	JOANNE MURPHY WARD	1986
ALYSSA EVERSMAN	SHARI SHARLEIN EVERSMAN	1988
GRETCHEN FARKAS	KATHERINE RAUSCHER SCHEUER	1953
SAMUEL FRENCH	ROSE ABTS CURRIE	1965
DAVID FRENCH	ROSE ABTS CURRIE	1965
JACOB FRENCH	ROSE ABTS CURRIE	1965
MORGAN HENDRICKSON	CHRIS PATZNER	1990
ARANTXA HERNANDEZ-CHAIRE	HELEN BYRON KINGSLEY	1975
HANNAH HOLST	SHIRLEY LACEY HOLST	1977
KASSIDY JENKINS	MARY ZIMMERMAN MACKEY	1949
JANE KOLL	SISTER KATHRYN MINAR OSF	1970
LEAH KOLL	SISTER KATHRYN MINAR OSF	1970
MAGGIE KRAWCZYK	MARY TACHENY	1981
EMMA LAGGER	EMILY KOLAR ZABROCKI	1963
LOUIS LARSON	KATHERINE RAUSCHER SCHEUER	1953
MARGARET McDERMOTT	MARY KAY STEPANIK McDERMOTT	1977
SAMUEL MCNAMARA	TERESA MCNAMARA SPECK	1976
RENAE MELONE	SUSAN ENGEMANN MILLER	1965
ELISABETH MELONE	SUSAN ENGEMANN MILLER	1965
HANNAH MILLER	DONNA MURPHY MILLER	1960
ABIGAIL MILLER	DONNA MURPHY MILLER	1960
LAUREN MILLER	LORETTA MAUSZYCKI HANAFIN	1962
NOAH NACHTIGAL	LORI PYTLESKI NICKLAY	1979
MADelyn NICHOLSON	KAREN COOK NICHOLSON	1982
JOSEPH PATHOULAS	KAREN BYRON PATHOULAS	1981
NICHOLAS PATHOULAS	KAREN BYRON PATHOULAS	1981
CHRISTOPHER PATHOULAS	KAREN BYRON PATHOULAS	1981
MARISSA PELLICANE	SISTER NENA LAROCCO OSF	1963
MICHAELA PEPLINSKI	COLLEEN KOCER PEPLINSKI	1987
PAIGE PERREIRA	MARY VALERI PERREIRA	1964
MARY MARGARET RILEY	SISTER M JUNE KAISER OSF	1948
HENRY ROERS	HARRIET BOEDING HAEG	1960

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UNDERGRADUATE	SPONSORED BY	YEAR
MOLLY SCHMITT	MARY TURCIN VANMETER	1972
MARK SHAFFER	BETH MORRISON SHAFFER	1974
KATHERINE SMITH	SUSAN SAEHLER SMITH	1988
ANNA SMITH	SUSAN SAEHLER SMITH	1988
ANDREA SPELTZ	MAUREEN SALMON SPELTZ	1972
EMILIE STEINGRAEBER	CAROLYN SKEMP STEINGRAEBER	1981
KAREN SUAREZ	MARY KAY STEPANIK MCDERMOTT	1977
SARAH SZESZOL	SUSAN KAMP	1966
CATHERINE WAGGONER	MARY MARGARET DADY NESS	1954
JOSEPH WANTOCK	LISA WANTOCK	AM
GRADUATE	SPONSORED BY	YEAR
COLETTE BUSER	MARIAN GREENWOOD COSTELLO	1940
ELLEN DALY	CHARITY ROWAN FLOEN	1981
JOSEPH DOMANICO	JOANIE FALLON DOMANICO	1978
DANIEL DRISCOLL	DIANE WAGNER NIPPOLDT	1981
PAIGE GERNES	MARY MONAHAN GERNES MUELLER	1959
MADISON SIENKO HORSTMAN	MADISON SIENKO HORSTMAN	STI '11
RACHEL KING	PATRICIA KELLY SANTELMAN	1950
SARAH LAUHEAD	MARY BENNETT LAUHEAD	1970
KELLY MARTON	MARY MCANDREWS MARTIN	1961
MOLLY MCNAMARA	TERESA MCNAMARA SPECK	1976
LAUREN NIPPOLDT	DIANE WAGNER NIPPOLDT	1981
ANGELA OBRIEN	CAROL GERLEMAN OBRIEN	1981
EMILY PALMER	KATHLEEN JAYE PALMER	1982
JAMES RICHIE	LINDA BROWN RICHIE	1989
STEPHANIE SCHMIDT	DIANE SCHMIDT	1982
CHRISTOPHER SHAFFER	BETH MORRISON SHAFFER	1974
SARAH SHAFFER	BETH MORRISON SHAFFER	1974
AMY WELTZIN	MARY CLARE FRANCIS HOLMES	1960
TERESAN ENRICHMENT	SPONSORED BY	YEAR
MICHELLE HAAS BAILEY	MICHELLE HAAS BAILEY	1963
BETTY FORD	BETTY FORD	1975
ANN ZENK	ANN ZENK	1977



# ***A NOTE OF THANKS... TERESAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND***

*The following are sentiments expressed in notes we received from these award recipients:*



***Dear Teresan Scholarship Fund Committee,***

Thank you so incredibly much for your financial support over the past two years. Because of you, I am able to make lasting memories and receive an invaluable education at my dream school (St. Ben's). My family and I are so blessed to have a community like yours to count on. Thank you!

***Anne Dockendorf, daughter of Laura Theis Dockendorf '84***

Thank you very much for awarding me with a scholarship check to help me with my college tuition. Since tuition has gone up this year, I was scrambling for money and I will be working 14 hours a day this month! I cannot say how much this check means to me, other than it covers a whole 2 weeks pay from my job! Thank you very much!

***Samuel French, cousin of Rose Abts Currie '65***

Thank you for the generous gift for my upcoming school year at Marquette University. I am looking forward to another great two semesters filled with academic challenges and fun-filled memories!

***Emma Lager, niece of Emily Kolar Zabrocki '63***

Thank you so much for awarding me the Teresan Scholarship. The funds are going to help tremendously. I am looking forward to beginning my sophomore year at Carroll College in a few days and am so grateful for your support. Thanks again! :)

***Gretchen Farkas, granddaughter of Katherine Rauscher Scheuer '53***

Thank you very much for choosing me to be one of the recipients of the graduate scholarship. Medical school is expensive (even when you're in state!) and the money will be helpful as the year continues. I started classes on August 2nd, and have my first tests this week (on the 24th and 25th). Things are already moving quickly, but I'm excited for the year and for all the new experiences medical school will bring. Best,

***Colette Buser, granddaughter of Marian Greenwood Costello '40***

Thank you so much for awarding me with a scholarship! I truly appreciate the assistance you're giving me with my tuition. Also, thank you for helping everyone else who has received scholarships from your fund.

***Samuel McNamara, nephew of Teresa McNamara Speck '76***

Thank you very much for your generous scholarship you have awarded me for my schooling at Augsburg University! It will greatly help with tuition this fall. Thank you again for your consideration and for awarding me a \$1,000 scholarship!

***Molly McNamara, niece of Teresa McNamara Speck '76***

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship for this school year. I am undecided on my major, but am considering pre-law with a political science major, or getting an MBA. I will use the money towards room and board. Thank you so much!

***David French, cousin of Rose Abts Currie '65***

From **Sister Lalonde Ryan** I learned that some teachers have a special insight into their students and I have tried to cultivate that insight as I teach. From her I have also learned that a positive attitude is essential to learning and to life. She embodies the inclusiveness of St. Francis and love of all. Sister Lalonde is a role model to which I can only hope to aspire. **Cheryl Yenter '83**

**Sr. Ethelreda Fisch** – she encouraged me to switch my major from El Ed to Music Ed and was very supportive of my musical career. **Sr. Lalonde Ryan** – best voice teacher EVER! I play keyboard often, but prefer to sing and have Lalonde to thank for teaching me to use my voice the way it's meant to be used! **Ms. Lisa Derry** – piano instructor and theory teacher – challenged me to move out of my comfort zone on piano, and promised me that someday I would be grateful to know music theory. She was right! **Mary Snyder '84**

**Dr. Rusterholz** would have to be my #1. He was so gracious, firm but kind, used humor well and was my biggest “cheerleader” at performance time. **Sister Ethelreda**, piano instructor, just was so dear to me. She seemed as old as the hills at the time, would rap my knuckles with a ruler if I made mistakes but always hugged me too. **Angela Stafki Hansen '86**

### **WHAT IMPACT DID CST HAVE ON YOUR CAREER?**

Inspired me to work harder to achieve excellence. **Charlotte McGill Brook-Signor '56**



Far left in black and white is Charlotte McGill Brook-Signor '56 and her dulcimer group.

The fact that it was a college for women enabled me to develop in leadership qualities. **Janice Maercklein Haines '59**

I was inspired to be a teacher and I loved the kids & knowing they were enjoying music. I became a lifelong learner and continued to expand my music throughout my life. **Ramona Johnson McCullough '60**

The Strong liberal Arts Education. The languages I studied were an immense help in my career. Other classes made me an intellectual with a love of history and learning. This helped me prepare my operatic roles and helped me as a stage director and professor. **Judith Auer '63**

I would never have had a career in music if not for CST! **Mary Herzog Flynn (Sister Melissa) '67**

My education at CST helped me understand **the importance of education for women and their role as leaders in the work place**. It motivated me to seek advancement in administrative roles in my career. It inspired **a lifelong interest in supporting education for women** to this day. I currently serve on a board that grants low interest loans to women seeking bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees. **Mary Karasch Bormann '73**

CST gave me the foundation of critical thinking, creativity, ethics, and leadership. **Wanda Kocer Plachecki '73**

It gave me a solid foundation in understanding music, and a love of teaching music to others. It also fostered a desire in me to use the gifts the Lord gave me in church settings. **Lois Wolfe Steiner '73**

Studying at CST, surrounded by mostly women, prepared me for teaching music at the elementary level where the staff was mostly women. **Stephen Kelleher '74**

The CST education was empowering for me as a woman. **Kathleen Walsh (Kelleher) Schreier '74**

It gave me the foundation to be a music educator for 43 years. **Susan Hall Colletti '75**

I would never have had the opportunity to do music therapy and for my life write therapeutic songs that ministered to people when I was no longer actively working in the field. **Maureen McGowan Pranghofer '76**

I taught in Catholic Schools for 20 of my 25 years-I was able to teach music, but more importantly, teach spirituality as well. **Laura Dagnold '78**

It determined my career, gave me the tools to begin my career and gave me some wonderful, life long friends. **Joan Oertli Wilberding '78**

TOTAL Impact! I might not have gotten into a bigger music school, but CST saw my potential. CST empowered me as a woman, educated me professionally, and enlivened me with the spirit of God. **Katherine Snook Smiley '80**

Taught me principles, advocacy. Helped to form the empathetic, compassionate, dedicated, committed woman I've become. **Malia Fox '81**

The impact for me is more than a career, it's a lifestyle and way of life. Being at CST brought to life what was inside of me and this is to be a strong independent woman who speaks for justice and works to live out my life in the charism of the Saints Francis and Clare. From my strong connections with the Sisters of St. Francis who I met at St. Teresa's I later became a Cojourner with the Sisters. **Rosine Hermodson-Olsen '83**

With primary instruction from **Sister Lalonde**, **Ms. Lisa Derry** and **Mr. Paul Rusterholz** I was prepared to fill many different positions, and over the years that is exactly what happened. **Mary Snyder '84**

(Below) Chongqing China 2005. With singers of the Chongqing Opera. My 3 weeks of classes with them culminated in a concert of arias and duets. I am in the back row with the Director of the opera company (baseball cap) and the Chongqing Minister of Culture. **Judith Auer '63**



I believe it made me confident and purposeful about getting to be where I wanted. I would take nothing less than full-time work as a music therapist and I never did. I've been working as a full-time music therapist for over 30 years and for many of those years, one of a few of us working in the state of North Dakota. **Angela Stafki Hansen '86**

**PLANNING 1001 DONUTS WAS A SPECIAL NIGHT FOR MUSIC MAJORS. TELL ME ABOUT THAT NIGHT FOR YOU.**

It was an opportunity to select appropriate choral literature and lead my classmates in creating a wonderful musical experience. It was fun. **Janice Maercklein Haines '59**

Was one of the organizers/directors. So exciting-a great experience. I think of it every year during Advent. **Catherine Cahill Hamilton '67**

1001 Donuts was motivational because it was a gift from the senior class to the college community. It was a huge responsibility for the music majors but we all grew closer through the experience and celebrated the tradition. **Mary Karasch Bormann '73**

Music was the string that connected us all that night, I remember friends who claimed not to be able to sing, rockin' it! **Wanda Kocer Plachecki '73**

It was the culmination of 4 years of hard work-the joy of leading your class in joyous Christmas music-unforgettable! **Susan Stehr Davey '75**

We were so fortunate to develop our spirituality during our time at Saint Teresa's. We formed beautiful friendships and supported each other faithfully. **Maureen McGowan Pranghofer '76**

It was a wonderful night! It was the first time I realized

how much I loved conducting. It was always a magical night as a student, and the responsibility of making that the same for the younger students seemed like a natural progression and growth as a Teresan. **Katherine Snook Smiley '80**

I only remember the ambiance, the ethereal feeling. It was heavenly and LOTS of work! **Malia Fox '81**

Yes, 1001 Donuts was a very special night! I loved having the opportunity to direct the mass choir and to celebrate with the music majors this very special night. **Rosine Hermodson-Olsen '83**

Our class was extremely excited to rehearse. There were many music majors and minors in 1983. The concert was special because the music that each of us chose to teach to our classmates was special to us personally. I am sure there was the usual drama involved during the preparations, but I am not recalling it now! The night we gathered in the parlor in our black robes and red ties, carrying our candles, was a wonderful time of connection with a long line of CST women who had gone before us. We were excited to add our voices to the voices of our fellow alumnae. Of course, eating fresh donuts and drinking hot chocolate afterwards was a lovely way to relax after the hectic season of preparation and the excitement of a beautiful concert in Lourdes Hall. **Cheryl Yenter '83**

I just remember being pretty nervous about it but pretty excited too! **Angela Stafki Hansen '86**

**WE WERE SO FORTUNATE TO DEVELOP OUR SPIRITUALITY DURING OUR TIME AT SAINT TERESA'S. WE FORMED BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIPS AND SUPPORTED EACH OTHER FAITHFULLY. HOW HAS CST AFFECTED YOUR LIFE?**

The values that were espoused at CST guided throughout my life. **Janice Maercklein Haines '59**

I became closer in my faith and treasure the many close friendships. **Ramona Johnson McCullough '60**

The Franciscan spirit, values and friendships have totally guided my life. **Mary Herzog Flynn (Sister Melissa) '67**

Franciscan spirit has become a large part of who I am. I am so grateful for their example of how to live what's truly important in life. **Catherine Cahill Hamilton '67**

**CST provided a foundation for living.** That foundation enhances each day whether at work, in the community, with friends or at home. I am grateful for it. **Mary Karasch Bormann '73**

I always say I was raised by Franciscans. They taught me to think for myself, challenge the status quo and **ALWAYS give glory to God.** **Wanda Kocer Plachecki '73**



My fellow music majors were the best for encouraging and supporting me. We were a small group, but memorable! **Lois Wolfe Steiner '73**

I started playing at liturgies at CST; today I play regularly with 4 different church related ensembles. **Stephen Kelleher '74**

When I arrived at CST, I was a Lutheran and found that after attending mass I realized what was missing in my religious life. I studied with Father Trocinski for 2 years and became a Catholic with Sister Lalonde as my sponsor and the Triple Trio singing in our beautiful chapel. It was a wonderful moment in my life, changing me forever. **Susan Stehr Davey '75**

When I'm ever down and think back I can say that those years were the happiest of my life. **Maureen McGowan Pranghofer '76**

My experience with the liturgies at CST truly touched my heart. That impact had me being the music director at my church for 23 years. It helped me get through the tragedies & losses in my life. The music in my life has always brought me great joy! **Joan Oertli Wilberding '78**

**CST changed me. When I found CST, I found my true self.** I was a bit "pious" when I first came to CST, but by the time I graduated, I had found a spirituality shaped by the Francis who called himself a "fool for Christ." While at CST, I experienced some very challenging health issues, and issues at home. I found that I was never to be alone in facing them. I was shown great love, support, and compassion by staff, and students. **The Franciscans have had a profound influence in my life, and they continue to do so.** **Katherine Snook Smiley '80**

Taught me principles, advocacy. Helped to form the empathetic, compassionate, dedicated, committed woman I've become. **Malia Fox '81**

Besides what I stated above, being a Teresan has affected my life forever! So much so that I so encouraged my daughters to look at St. Kate's so they could have the awesome experience of going to an all-women's liberal arts college/university. Also, CST made me strong in being a progressive Christian womyn who's not afraid to ask questions, explore differences and continue to spread my wings for as long as I live. **Rosine Hermodson-Olsen '83**

I am proud to say that I am a graduate of CST. My time at CST gave me time to explore my thoughts and feelings about myself, about life and about the world around me. My classmates and professors, and the Rochester Franciscans created a community that encouraged exploration, excellence and awareness of the world and how to make a positive difference in that world. I am grateful to be a CST Music Major alumnae. **Cheryl Yenter '83**

I grew personally, professionally and musically during those years, and still stay in touch with some friends and instructors. The Teresan example of service to others was so deeply ingrained that I hope I exemplify it daily. **Mary Snyder '84**



**Angi Stafki Hansen '86** getting ready for Christmas Caroling helping residents get into the Christmas spirit.

CST refined my music skills and helped me learn so much more. Built my leadership skills, filled my heart and spirit with our beautiful sacred masses, special programs, music ensembles in church and storytellers, expanded my horizons and helped me be ready to do what God intended for me-

to use music to love and help people in music therapy. I am forever grateful I opened the CST College informational catalog sent to our school's library and saw my dream waiting there!

**Angela Stafki Hansen '86**

Susan Stehr Davey '75 with a couple of her piano students.



**Music Ladies...**Pictured from l-r: Linda Katauskas Filonowich '83, Wanda Kocer Plachecki '83, Karen Dickman Kane '83, Laura Tellijohn Kirby Mueller '83, Kathy Marcussen Quinn '83, Janette Roggensack Reget '82, Mary Sue Speltz Brust '83, Brenda Baechler Merchlewitz '83 (back), Mary Roffers '83, Cheryl Yenter '83



# Teresan Gatherings & Tea House Happenings



(Left) Eugene Hock, Bel Aire, KS, stopped in to visit the Tea House and to see his wife's brick (**Rometta Achenbach Hock '55 BSN** passed away 7/16).



(Left) **Mary Carol Menard Custer '72** and her husband, Russ Custer (SMC '71) from Western Springs, IL.



(Right) **Margo Langer Lazzari '70**, husband, Joe, and family members visited August 2017 from Seal Beach, CA.



Stopping by for a visit in July was **Kathleen Faring Joswick '67** and her husband Thomas Joswick SMC '68



(Above) One of our best volunteers ever! **Patrick Byron '73** helping to spruce up the Tea House prior to Reunion!



(Left) Colleen, Amy and Lisa from the Tea House risk life and limb (*and their dignity*) to salvage a few of the old St. Cecilia Theater seats. Stop in the Tea House to see the two seats that we have on display!

## Class of 1979 Gathering

(Right) Six out of the seven young ladies all lived in the same three bedroom, one bath apartment in 1977-78. So, when we went to visit **Pat Runningen Wendt '79**, we couldn't resist taking a picture of us together in her "grandkids bunkroom" (right). This is sort of how it felt some days in our apartment, no extra space! We started reconnecting 5 years ago, and our only wish is that we had done it sooner!!!

Top bunk l to r: **Jeanne Brooks Dahl, Mary T. O'Grady, Pat Runningen Wendt**  
 Middle bunk l to r: **Marcy Breen De Craene, Cindy Kolbeck Lee**  
 Bottom bunk l to r: **Kelly Roach Haase, Karen Salz**



(Left) Received this picture from **Marti Murray '72** of some of the ladies from the class of '72. "Doing what we do best—cooking and eating!" (L-R): **Mary Gemes Hill, Jane Nagle Plonka, Marti Murray, Lee Stoll Brixius** (top with part of her face hidden) and **Renie Carr Black** just below Lee. This same group, with **Kathy Danaher**, gathers annually, last year's trip was to Italy!



(Left and below) STLI Ladies **Bridget Doyle '63, Mercedes Brabender McGowen '61, Betty Ford '75** and **Michelle Haas Bailey '63** gathered in December for some catching up and shopping!



## Class of 1956 - Chicago Lunch



(Left) The class of '56 met September 14, 2017 for a lively lunch and did some much needed catching up. Pictured Front row (L-R): **Connie Van de Veld Weber, Suzanne Quinlan Larocca, Marilyn Benson Heroux, Patricia Kane Meyer, Muriel Paquette Sibert.** Back row (L-R): **Jeanne Lucas Ambrose, Nancy Marks Riley, Dorothy Capodice O'Malley, Sally Downs O'Brien, Carol Hawkins O'Grady, Joan Flanigan Jacques.**



# WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU

## 1936

**Marion Smith Cunningham '36**, celebrated her 103rd birthday on December 12, 2017 with her family. She has 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren, and still lives in Winona!

## 1938

**Cozetta Murray Rohan** 101 years young on November 23! Honored to have served as Grand Marshall at the 150 year celebration of Newcastle over Labor Day weekend 2017. Cozetta continues to live in her own home and is active in the community and at her church. She also attends her great grandson's ball games and her growing family includes 11 children, 21 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren and one great-great grandson!

## 1940

**Marian Greenwood Costello** recently had her son and daughter come home and they all went to Art Prize in Grand Rapids, MI. Art Prize is the best attended and most lucrative art event in the world. More than half a million dollars are offered in prize money. What a special time!

**Catherine Foft Smith** is proud great-grandma to 14 great-grandchildren ages 18 years to 2 months!

## 1942

**Mary Lou Cahalan Anton** attends daily Mass

and continues to volunteer at her parish, Saint Thomas, and when asked why she continues to volunteer, "What God wants me to do is reach out to people. The Saint Thomas community is everything to me."

## 1943

**Jane Wagner Renoir** is still getting around on her own, and she has a grandson in residence! Still singing in the choir and counting my blessings!

## 1945

**Sister Mariella Hinkly OSF** lists her latest accomplishment as having reached the age of 94! Along with it, her main method of transport is a walker, but at times she relies on a wheelchair. She cannot travel to Winona, but Teresan ideals shine on! The Poor Clares who studied/lived at CST are forming closer ties with those at Assisi Heights. (*Was at CST 1941-42 as postulant/freshman and subsequent summer schools but graduated in 1960*).

## 1949

**Glenna Gervais Boyle** and her 8 children were all together for her granddaughter's wedding in St. Cloud, MN on June 17. Her son, Fr. Stephen, O.Praem, was home from Rome for the happy occasion.

## 1949

Rita Madden Meier and CST daughter **Jeanne Meier Kramer '80** celebrating Heather and Jake's wedding in Milwaukee, WI—January 2018. What a good looking family!

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**Shirley Kelly Edwin** will arrive at her 90th birthday this year! Her son, Dr. Mark Edwin, took 8 members of the family to Hawaii to celebrate. What a joy! She is well and has so much to be thankful for!

**Mary Lou Johnson Masla** and her husband John (SMU '49) celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, June 7, 2017. They are the parents of 8 children and have 19 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**Rita Madden Meier** and her family at a January 2018 wedding. Back row l-r: Paul Meier, Patrick Meier, Michael Meier, **Jeanne Meier Kramer '80**, William Meier; Front row l-r: Ann Meier Bares, Rita, Teresa (Terri) Meier Block.



**Charlene Merlock Neuses** states that the most exciting thing that has happened to her was she celebrated her 90th birthday on July 21. Three of her six children are retired and the oldest, Jim and his wife, just moved to Hot Springs Village, AR. Charlene has children and families in Illinois, Oregon and Florida and still visits them all!

## 1950

**Patricia Kelly Santelman** enjoys her independent living apartment in Eden Prairie, MN. Three of her five children live in the area. Sadly, she lost Lyle just before Christmas. As she grows older, she appreciates her children's help.

**Donna Horak Strawser** is happy to report that she is retired! She had done social work and was also a realtor. She has 9 children. Sadly her husband, Allen, passed away of ALS in 2000. She lives in her own home with 2 of her daughters and enjoys reading all of the *Teresan News* updates.

**Mary Agnes McClory Trauscht** still loves living at Madonna Towers in Rochester. She is able to get to Winona from time to time and is still holding at 5 children, 11 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

## 1951

**Mary Hahler Pieper** has 11 children, 35 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren and contributes towards their education at Catholic Schools!

## 1952

**Pauline Steinmetz Arthurs** cannot believe that she is 87 which is very unusual for her family! She has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 beautiful great granddaughters.

## 1953

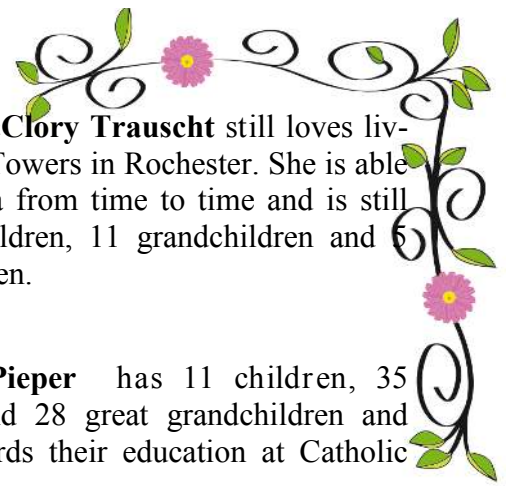
**Alice Mercier Ruggieri** was hoping to come to Minnesota for a family reunion in early October.

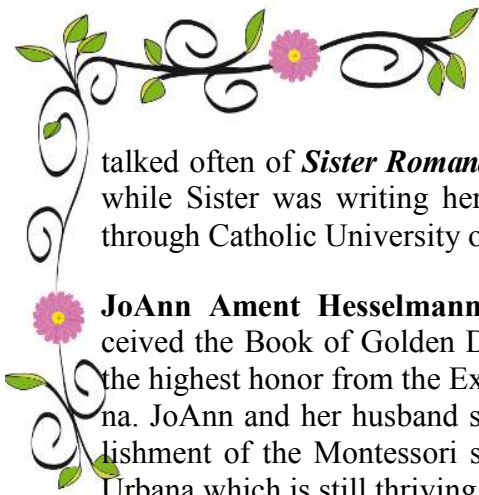
## 1954

**Geraldine Cahalan Crisman** at 89 years, she is told that she doesn't look it or act it! Her response is, "How am I supposed to look/act?" She spends a great deal of her time volunteering: Good Samaritan Center one day per week, works on greeting cards to veterans or those living alone, coordinates daily rosary in her church which she has been doing for five years, crochets prayer shawls, pot-holders and Special Olympic neck scarves, puts together a scrapbook on the Veterans Memorial and many other projects around her home town of Wagner, SD (coincidentally, the SAME hometown of CST Exec Director, **Colleen Kocer Peplinski '87!**).

**Tess Baader Gump** has 4 generations living with her—2 sons and 2 granddaughters. Rachel is 21 - Ellie is 4. It's an intragenerational household for sure. She is sorry that she cannot travel any more. Still holds CST in her heart.

**Lucille Binsfeld Nowicki** passed away January 31, 2017. Her two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, wanted her friends to know that Lucille valued the education she received at CST, the people she met and the lasting friendships she made—these ladies were life-long friends. She





talked often of *Sister Romana* who she worked for while Sister was writing her doctoral dissertation through Catholic University of America.

**JoAnn Ament Hesselmann Smith** recently received the Book of Golden Deeds Award which is the highest honor from the Exchange Club of Urbana. JoAnn and her husband spearheaded the establishment of the Montessori school of Champaign-Urbana which is still thriving today. She has also in her 52nd year as organist at her church and has been a member of the Champaign-Piatt County Catholic Charities Advisory Board for 30 years.

## 1955

**Margie Beers Betts** recently bought a small home, all on one level plus bedroom and bath on each level. Come and visit next fall as the Cretin Durham band marches right past her house!

**Lucile Puscheck Drane** sadly lost her husband in January 2017 following a short illness. She has now moved from her home of almost 42 years into a lovely apartment. Happy news that her 4th grandchild will be arriving February 2018.

**Nancy Fullerton Flood** blessed by surviving a quadruple cardiac bypass late October 2015! In Fall 2017 went on a river cruise of the Rhine with **Dorothy Pecholt Geis '55**, a fellow nursing grad!

**Anne Pellowski** discovered her life's vocation through her studies in languages and library science which led her to New York City where she pursued her career, first as the children's librarian at the NYC Public Library, and later as founding director of the Information Center on Children's Cultures for the United States committee at



UNICEF. Through her work at UNICEF and other international agencies, she traveled to over 120 countries, assuring children had access to books in their native language by conducting workshops on cloth bookmaking and storytelling. She has also authored 20 books including the Polish American girl series. Since her retirement, she has lived in Winona and travels several times a year to places around the world leading workshops.

**Doris Surprenant Peterson** is healing very well after back surgery in 2016. She and her husband Floyd now live in a retirement community in Blaine, MN. They enjoy all the activities and great food at Edgewood Senior Living.

**Joan O'Brian Radzikinas** started a Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Gregory the Great Parish in Milwaukee, WI.

## 1957

**Marilyn (Sue) Couch** is now retired and living permanently at a Wesley Community (Embury Apts), a subsidiary of United Methodist Church-Independent Living. She reports that they take good care of her there and she would love classmates to say a prayer for her!

**Joan Hunter Gawlik** has been married to her husband, Laverne, for 59 years! They have 4 kids, plus 1 granddaughter that they raised, 11 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren!

**Elizabeth (Betty) Poehling McKillip** was sorry that she couldn't attend the reunion this past fall as she was contemplating a knee replacement. She and her husband are well and their family is growing with weddings of grandchildren. She is still an active Hospice Volunteer. She sends her best to all!

**Sister Carmen Sonnek** recently moved to the Motherhouse at Assisi Heights in Rochester, MN as her ministry at Holy Spirit changed with new ownership.

## 1958

**Jeanne Naughton DiLisio** has 3 granddaughters—Fiona (20 years old) plays cello and is studying to be a doctor; Georgia (16 years old) plays piano; and Elsie (15 years old) plays a trumpet in the Empire State (NY) Youth Orchestra. Jeanne still sings in her church choir. Legacy lives on!



**Mary Speltz Keating** has 22 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She enjoys visiting her children who are in Virginia to Portland, Oregon.

**Helen Sweetman Whaley** has been working hard to recover from a serious fall down a flight of stairs in her own home! She is doing well, but feels the recovery is just too SLOW! All of her family has been back and forth helping her out and for that, she feels so blessed. She admits she has not been very faithful keeping up with CST and friends but know that you are all very special to her and she sends all her love!

### 1959

**Timmie Harrington Baird** is loving San Diego and in July went on a vacation to Alaska! She loves hearing news about the Sisters, CST, and alumnae!

**MaryAnn Russell Carlson** spent Christmas 2016 in Maui, Hawaii with their children and grandchildren., which was a special blessing. Their daughter Annie was married July 19, 2017.

**Sister Miriam (Patricia) Gliatto** a Dominican Sister, continues to reside at the Monastery of the Infant Jesus in Lufkin, TX. In November 2015 they began the 800th Jubilee celebration of the Order of Preachers which concluded in January 2017. St. Dominic founded the Order to preach the truth of the Gospel throughout the world. Sister Miriam shares her prayers with Teresans everywhere. Many blessings to all of you!

**Joyce Eileen Gallagher Haugh** continues to volunteer at Mayo Clinic and is a Eucharistic Minister at Saint Marys Hospital and Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN.

**Harriet Schmitt Morris** was thrilled last year when she received an Outstanding Service Award from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Dental Hygienists' Alumni Association.

### 1960

**Maureen Casserly Arend** has been busy! Baltic Capitols Cruise in 2016. Winter in Florida 2017. Visit from Chicago CST friends on road trip—dinner with *Lucy Farley Fisher, Mary Jo Cassidy Olen, Barb Wagner Burke, Ramona Johnson McCullough*. So great!!

**Catherine Wilson Hoffman** is always very happy to hear any news of the college and her favorite

CST classmates!

**Virginia Boettcher Knesel** reached out to CST in July 2017 stating life is quiet, good and hot here in Georgia! Enjoying retirement, family and friends. Hello to all!

**Sister Mary Elizabeth Lynch (formerly Sister Mercy)** is a volunteer at the St. Francis information desk at Mayo Clinic Hospital - Rochester Saint Marys Campus.

**Nancy Fletl Martin** is now 78 years old and has 2 grandchildren—her grandsons are 18 years old and 4 years old. We are blessed to have the 4 year old nearby. Their favorite places to be are Madeline Island in the summer and Vero Beach, FL in the winter, but best of all is home in St. Paul, MN.

**Mariah Snyder** and two of her colleagues have submitted the 8th edition of Complimentary & Alternative Therapies in Nursing. The first edition was in 1985. It has been translated into Spanish and Japanese.

**Fran Guzaldo Wisniewski's** oldest grandson was married this past September and only 14 more grandchildren to go! Luckily, her eight oldest grandchildren have been employed with great jobs upon graduation. Two others are in college and the other 5 range in age from two to eleven. She is a very happy and busy grandma!

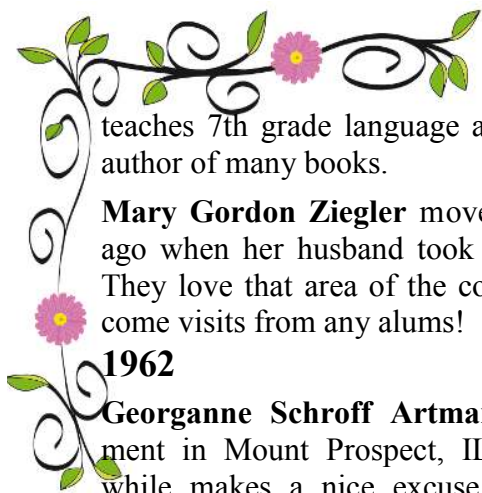
### 1961

**M. Phyllis Cunningham** participated in New York City's Women's March 2018. Phyllis represented the Granny Peace Brigade, and has been marching since the late 1950's from Mississippi, to marching with Vietnam, and she marched in Chicago for fair housing. It's been forever!

**Mary Herzog Emberger** Wow! 78 years old - So grateful for healthy kids, in-law-kids included —4 grandkids doing fine—Bob & I are enjoying life. We're sending all of you blessings.

**Nancy McGovern Gilliland** has a grandson, Parker Gilliland, who is now 12 years old. He recently graduated from grade school and lives in Toronto, Canada.

**Cathy Evans O'Rourke** is proud grandma to nine grandchildren who are growing up fast! Her son is retiring from the army after 24+ years and he has accepted a position as an ENT surgeon at Children's Hospital in Hollywood, FL. Her daughter



teaches 7th grade language arts and is a published author of many books.

**Mary Gordon Ziegler** moved to Seattle 21 years ago when her husband took a job with Starbucks. They love that area of the country and would welcome visits from any alums!

## 1962

**Georganne Schroff Artman** is enjoying retirement in Mount Prospect, IL. Subbing once in a while makes a nice excuse to go back and see friends. Her children live in Alexandria, VA and Buffalo, NY so she travels East to see them.

**Mary Galewski Barry** lives in Rudyard, MI. She and husband, T. James Barry, have three children and two grandchildren. Following her time at CST she earned her MI state teaching certificate at Northern MI University. Mary taught high school French and English at area schools for 40 years. She is presently a financial secretary at Alberta House Art Center. She has visited Canada, France, Spain, Italy, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Ireland, Scotland, England and Germany. She loves to walk, “hit the gym”, work at an art gallery and “read, read, read” with her favorite book being anything by James Lee Burke and David McCullough. She recently exhibited her photography and writes for her own amusement. A favorite CST recall was her affection for the Day Room and the breaks at the Tip Top. Mary worked quite a bit at J.R. Watkins Company and many restaurants during her CST days and feels those days “made her tough”. She “loves her life” trying to learn something new every day.

**Jean Fischer Baxter** lives in Napa, CA. She and husband, John, have been married for 50+ years. They have 3 children. Following her time at CST she received her Master’s degree in education and was employed teaching young children, which she loved doing. She has lived in WI and CA and has enjoyed travel to Germany, Mexico and Canada. Now she has time to travel and enjoy her daughter and friends, too. Her favorite leisure-time activities include working with St. Vincent DePaul helping with the phone and visitors. A fond memory from CST days is all the nuns and other teachers. She still keeps in touch with a few women.

**Sandi Raccoli Ives** lives in Doylestown, PA. She and husband, Dave, a retired US Navy pilot, have

four children and twelve grandchildren, including a set of twins. Sandi’s past AND present employment has been as a Registered Nurse at Doylestown Hospital. Sandi has traveled to France, Greece, Italy and Chile. She and Dave have lived in CA, FL, TX, VA and RI. (*Does being a Navy pilot’s family have anything to do with those residences, Sandi?*) She is an avid bicyclist, skier, tennis player, gardener and quilter! A selected memory from her years at CST was the requirement of wearing nylons – regardless of how many holes they sported.

**Noreen Callaghan Lisak** said she is adjusting to the notion of diminishing capabilities. Her husband is in his 10<sup>th</sup> year of Parkinson’s Disease. Her son and family are enjoying a transfer to the Minneapolis area for seven years and counting. Her life is enhanced by maintaining connections to CST gals near and far.

**Mariann Tennesen Maris** lives in Shorewood, WI. After graduating from CST, Mariann went on to Marquette University to complete an MA in English. Mariann is retired from the Academic Staff in the English Department at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI. Mariann and husband, Louis, have two children and two grandchildren. They have resided in Wisconsin, Germany and Turkey. They have visited England, France, Italy, Germany, Greece, Croatia, Bulgaria and Czech Republic. Her favorite leisure-time activities include reading, playing the piano (she and her piano teacher play duets). They donate “Renew a Nineteenth Century Parlor Tradition” Champagne, Chocolate and Piano” to silent auctions. Her favorite memory from her days at CST happened during Junior year when a bat was flying around in the third floor at Lourdes Hall. “It scared residents until, armed with a broom, I brought it down.”

**Marian Walsh McCarthy** was loving seeing Winona and many Teresans. She is enjoying her six grandchildren. Her granddaughter, Bridget, studied opera in Italy this past Summer.

**Irene Rubbelke Tuckner O’Ryan** remains in St. Paul, MN and has always lived there. She attended CST for two years then continued her education from 1972-1973 completing a BA in nursing. She retired after twenty-two years working as a Public Health Nurse at St. Paul Health Department and two



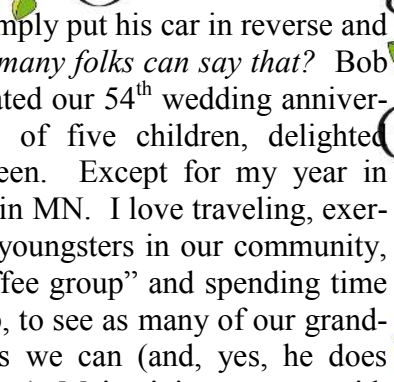
years part-time in the Senior Chemical Dependency program. Irene and husband, Tom, have been married 37 years. With four children and five stepchildren, she has eleven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and twelve step-great-grandchildren. Irene has visited China, Australia, Germany, Canada, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Croatia, and Budapest. Irene favorite leisure activities include serving as a volunteer for fifteen years at the Catholic Charities homeless-family shelter; sewing, knitting, crocheting and chairing the Mother Teresa sewing group which is a Pro-life group. Irene has travelled internationally and volunteers at Catholic Charities homeless shelters.

**Carol Slater (formerly known as Sister Laetitia, OSF)** lives in Sioux Falls, SD. She received her BS in 1962 and has had several employment roles retiring from Hines VA in Maywood, IL in 2005. Carol was a Family Nurse Practitioner. She has lived in MN, KY, OH, IL and SD. Her favorite leisure time activities include attending OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes), reading and classical music. Her favorite memory of her days at CST was the competence, dignity and humility of women leaders. *Carol, you should apply for our Teresan Enrichment scholarship!*

**Marilyn Maus Treder** retired from teaching in 2008, adjunct teaching through 2011 in Math and Computer Science at Rochester Community and Technical College. She currently volunteers at church and helps out some elderly relatives.

**Marlene Weiss Weber** and her husband Paul had planned a trip to Israel and Jordan before they had news of the 2017 Reunion so they are sad they had to miss it. :( They are celebrating 53 years of marriage!

**Carol Breza Wooden** followed her CST undergrad at the College of Saint Catherine in St. Paul, MN where I completed an MA in nursing following my Nurse Practitioner certification in Geriatrics. I was employed as a geriatric nurse practitioner and general duty nursing at Benedictine Heights Hospital in Guthrie, OK where I was missioned through the Extension Society for one year following graduation. Upon returning from Oklahoma I married Bob Wooden, my “childhood/neighborhood sweetheart”. We lived directly across the street from one another so, when we dated and Bob dropped me off



at my back door, he simply put his car in reverse and “backed home”. *How many folks can say that?* Bob and I have just celebrated our 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, are the parents of five children, delighted grandparents of fourteen. Except for my year in OK, I have lived only in MN. I love traveling, exercising, reading to the youngsters in our community, visiting with my “coffee group” and spending time with my husband, Bob, to see as many of our grandchildren’s activities as we can (and, yes, he does drive forward to do that). Maintaining contact with good friends is absolutely essential to maintaining good health. I do reach out for a book and can recommend the one I contributed to our reunion Silent Auction entitled How Much is Enough? by Alan Durning. An amusing experience I had while at CST was experienced during my two years at Saint Mary’s (yes the name St. Mary’s contained an apostrophe when our class was there!) Hospital. I walked in to a patient’s room to find a very quiet, almost-entranced looking patient. He had been a mental health field professional and when I inquired as to his well-being, he said he was Ok and that he was “*just contemplating the immutability of the Infinite*”. As you can see, I have never forgotten that response and use it now and then in the right setting. Life is good!

**Kathy (KC) Collins** owned KC Gardens for 25 years ([www.kcgardeners.com](http://www.kcgardeners.com)) and lead transformation seminars for Landmark Worldwide as a designated seminar leader for 26 years.

## 1964

**Judy Martens Boduch** planned to host Susie Ray Eich, Carol Calhoun Bolduc and Liz Casper Weidner this past October for their annual reunion. They planned to enjoy the fun of downtown Chicago for several days. shopping included! Also asking for prayers for Carol Calhoun Bolduc’s ‘64 son, Tom Bolduc, age 52, who is on the national heart transplant list. He needs all our prayers and a HEART!

**Judy Resch Kraft** volunteers at church, Options for Women—Christian pregnancy center, and the Salvation Army. Planning to move into a townhouse in the next 2 years. Currently has 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

**Patricia Pierce Langer** 2015-2017 President of MMTF, 2016 GALA Chair of 75th Anniversary celebration MMTF-headliners were Garrison, Philip



Brunelle, Robert Robinson. It is her 50th year of teaching weekly piano lessons—State Competition and Exams. She also Skypes her 5 grandchildren.

**Lori Lane McKenzie** has been married 50 years to her best pal Cliff! Was married on October 15, 1966 –Feast of Saint Theresa! Her daughters still delight her - one carries a cross and the younger two 9 mm Glock!! Still in NYC seeing how the world lives! Grandkids keep Lori and her husband alive!

**Mary Allbee Paulsen** celebrated 52 years of wedding anniversaries on June 12, 2017. They are still on the ranch and have grasslands in CRP and rent farm acres to neighbors! They feel they have been very blessed!

**Dianne Patnode Seyler** continues to travel. Celebrated the 30th Anniversary of LaCrosse’s Sister City relationship with Epinal, France. She also recently returned from an 8 country Baltic trip and a separate trip to Ireland and Scotland.

**Ann Wier Shumpert** experienced Israel and Jordan for 2 weeks in May 2017. Their tour guide made sure they saw every Biblical site. At Cana, seven of the couples renewed their marriage vows -quite an experience!

## 1965

**Patricia McGinnis Dalsin** after touring 5 countries (India, China, Italy, Ireland and Chile) she came home and was diagnosed with breast cancer. All of her CST classmates who sent their prayers helped her through to become a cancer survivor. What a fabulous group of women! She feels so lucky to have been able to attend CST!

**Sister Lorraine Doherty OSF** was one of seven Sisters celebrating 60 years of vowed life on July 12, 2017 at Assisi Heights in Rochester, MN. Others were Sisters: Patricia (Pat) Beck, Julie Tomsche, Cecily Schroepfer, Johanna Orlett, Marilyn Blesius and Mary Frederick. They held a special Liturgy at 11 am followed by a delicious dinner. This day happened to be followed by Bonadventure Fest –4 days celebrating his birth in 1217.

**Cherie Fitzsimmons Fenstermaker** and her husband celebrated 54 years of marriage in Au-

gust. She said it seems like only a few years ago that everyone was at Saint Mary’s and Saint Teresa’s. Her husband, John, retired from Florida State University in May for the second time. His teaching career both at Ohio State and Florida State was 52 years.

**Mary Gallagher McDevitt** enjoys lunches with CST Friends. Eleven of them met at Lake Lawn Lodge in Lake Geneva, WI on June 8. Her family is well and they enjoy time with their grandchildren. Travel plans = move up the road to a new house. As of August 4, 2017 their new address will be 462 Park Ct, Hartland, WI 53029. *I’d love to hear from you!*

**Mary Ann Cebzynski Rafferty** recently moved back up North to Minnesota after 17 years of living in the South. Her husband, Mike, graduated from Saint Mary’s in 1964, so they have gone full circle.

**Linda Sun** took the DC bar exam. There is such a need for volunteer lawyers in DC and she does love the law. In February 2017, she flew to Beijing for a three week vacation and spent her 74th birthday in Shanghai. She recalled that she spent her 14th birthday on the train leaving Shanghai. She continues to work for BB&T bank saying that it is such a great bank with many good people working there. Linda is also impressed by the number of Teresans who are celebrating their well-lived long lives, some even reaching 100! *Yes, the benefits of being a Teresan are never ending!*

**Karen Allbee Wojciak** and her husband, Mike, celebrated their 50th anniversary summer 2017. They enjoyed a wonderful celebration with all of their 5 children, all of Karen’s brothers and sisters (7). Their spouses and many friends and relatives. They recently moved to Sun City Grand in Surprise, AZ.

## 1966

**Lynn Closway** is still working at the amazing Mayo Clinic in Arizona—sometimes learning even “a little too much” about health issues. But she is eating her kale!

**Ann Goodbout Malanoski** sadly informs us that her husband of almost 25 years, Chester, passed away 11/8/16. Ann continues to work at Piedmont Athens Regional in Athens, GA having been there for 35 years this past fall.

## 1967

**Miriam (Mimi) Gengler** celebrated 50 years of marriage with a trip to Italy and Greece and she is happy to report that she thinks she and her husband “still like each other!!” :)

**Judy Welsch Jesse** lives in Door County, WI; married 45 years and counting! She owns an Antiques Shop at the Olde Orchard Antique Mall in Egg Harbor, WI. She serves on the board for The Door County Historical Museum, and The Door/Kewaunee Retired Educators Association, and serves as the Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Judy was recently recognized as the 2017-18 Southern Door Friend of Education recipient because she embodies the most sacred meaning of being a giver, always loving, encouraging and working hard to make the community a little better. *Congratulations!*

**Gayle Viehman Kirkman** is enjoying retirement and grandkids. She and her husband, Denis, are at home on Lake Holcombe in Wisconsin. Working with community groups, dramatic productions, choir and book club.

**Sr. Mary Kay Mahowald OSF** I was able to attend our class reunion in October. What a joy to renew friendships and “catch up” after 50 years. What a privilege! My ministry here on the border in El Paso, Texas, is as an Intake Specialist with Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center. I also have become certified as a Spiritual Director and am an instructor of theology in the Tepeyac Institute of Formation in Ministry. There are two of us Rochester Franciscans here and we are privileged to live among such a bicultural community.

**Diane Gronstal Palmeri** keeps busy with 13 grandchildren, six of whom live near her and she continues to be very involved with Family to Family and is the President of the organization. If you would like to read about what this organization has done for so many people you can visit the following site [www.family2family.org](http://www.family2family.org)

or you can reach out to Diane via her email: [family.1975@yahoo.com](mailto:family.1975@yahoo.com)

**Lynn Baron Rudnicki** has been busy enjoying retirement since May 2017 from a faculty teaching position in the nursing department at Erie Community College, Buffalo, NY, after 15 years.

**Judy Daufenbach Yanda** was happy to see her classmates at their 50th Reunion! She is retired from nursing and teaching and can now spend more time traveling and with her grandchildren.

## 1968

**Judy Sarsany Johnson** enjoyed this past summer with her 7 grandchildren, fishing, boating and camping. Life is so good and she feels very blessed. After Christmas, she is spending the winter in Florida.

## 1969

**Karen MacKenzie Balakas** retired from her position as Director of Research at St. Louis Children's Hospital in May 2017. She is now enjoying spending much more time with family (especially grandchildren!) and friends.

**Tina Jaracz Bayne** was anxiously anticipating the arrival of twin grandsons this past fall. The boys joined 3 year old sister, Carly.

**Kathleen Haefliger** is happy to report that after working full-time for 45+ years, she retired as Music and Performing Arts Librarian-Associate Professor from Chicago State University on August 1, 2016. A little “hiccup” with Atrial Fibrillation discovered during June 2016 pushed her retirement date up a bit, but she has been assiduously learning about Afib and found the best EP (Electrophysiologist-Cardiologist) and the best treatments for her condition. She is happy to report that one year later, she is back to normal heart functions, for which she thanks God, and of course, also, the superb knowledge of her MD and his nursing staff, and the treatment plan they devised. Kathleen finds retirement a joyful time to explore, read, learn new skills and, yes, she continues to study classical piano and do some performing. She also began to practice Yoga, and also took a wonderful (first of many, she hopes) 8





day tour of Costa Rica with a librarian friend from her South Florida days. She is looking forward to more trips and also to her 50th Reunion in only 2 more years!

**Sister Therese Jilk OSF** sent a note thanking CST Alumnae Office for all we do to keep alive the wonderful tradition of CST values.

**Susan Simandl Will** recently co-edited a published book. Will, S.I.S., Arnold, M.A. Zaiger, D.S. (Eds.). (2017). *Individualized Healthcare Plans for the School Nurse*. Forest Lake, MN. Sunrise River Press. The book is a 1,000+ page resource manual for school nurses containing healthcare plans for over 60 medical conditions children live with at school. In addition to the health care plans, the book provides school appropriate IEP and 504 accommodations for each medical condition. It can be viewed at <http://www.sunriseriverpress.com/for-healthcare-professionals/ihps-for-the-school-nurse-2nd-ed.html>

### 1970

**Michele Hafner Drevnick** recently sold her business of 28 years-Hudson Hearing Clinic—and retired! Sadly, her father, Albert Hafner, died October 6, 2016 at the age of 91.

**Monica Maloney-Mitros** recently retired from her work as a Physical Therapist. She and her husband, Frank, enjoy being grandparents to four who live close so they are able to play often. She has taken up playing flute again and volunteers with Hospice and their Food Bank.

### 1971

**Rosalie Kelly Grams** was wearing her CST blue sleeveless polo with the Rose Window on it during her recent trip with the Winona Diocesan Pilgrim choir to Germany. Several people commented positively on the shirt. Several from Winona did not know about the Rose Window emblem! She had to have a little chat with those Winonans! She loves the shirt, has a short sleeve pink one as well and uses them for golf.

**Bernadine Jax OSF**, an established artist, received an art grant from SEMAC (Southeastern MN Arts Council) “Integration of Mandalas, Mu-

sic and Meditation” in her chosen topic.

**Diane Miller** is a MN licensed attorney. She is the Director of Law & Public Policy for National Health Freedom Coalition and Co-Moderator of the U.S. Health Freedom Congress.

**Laura Kearney Schenk** retired in 2014. Since then she has been traveling a lot, enjoying her grandsons, and is very involved in genealogy.

**Merylann “Mimi” Jacobson Schuttloffel** just returned from an 8 week sabbatical at Papal University in Valparaiso, Chile & one week in Tarija, Boliva, Catholic University.

**Judith Barrett Semsch** retired in July last year and spent most of her summer days creating wonderful memories with one or all of her 5 grandchildren.

### 1972

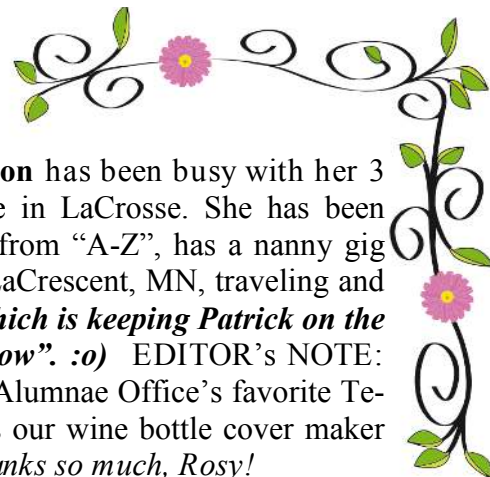
**Sharon Kaufman Ahern’s** son Ryan married Kelsey Mills on Ahern Peak in East Glacier Park, Montana August 2017. They hiked 22 miles in one day to reach the peak!

**Kathryn Towey Bainbridge** retired after 45 years of emergency nursing July 2016 along with her husband. They are looking forward to traveling and spending time with friends and family.

**Marti Murray** retired August 1 from W.W. Grainger (19 years) after her 21 years at Montgomery Ward previously.

**Stephanie Young Valdes** has been retired now for several years. She and her husband enjoy traveling to see grandkids. She has had the time to acquire several hobbies that she is enjoying.

**Marilynn Hamilton Neville** sent a note telling how she took so much from her beloved CST, as did her five sisters, Mom and numerous aunts and cousins! Marilynn loves the Franciscans, especially since **Sr Alfred Moes** started Mayo Clinic and the faithful nuns ran it — always with *the Patients FIRST and always PRAYING for all*. Marilynn loves St. Francis, St. Clare, St Anthony and our dearest Pope Francis! Please keep her husband in your prayers as we are praying for a miracle. Know that she will hold us all in prayer too. *Joy and Peace to all!*



## 1973

**Patrick Byron** is happy to report that he is aging gracefully, keeping busy with adjunct staff at Winona State University (Dept. of Spec. Ed), volunteering at St. Stan's Elementary (WACS), substitute Rochester & Winona schools, herding 3 grandkids and, *most importantly, keeping Rosy happy...VIP!!* EDITOR's NOTE: Patrick is one of the most awesome volunteers at the Tea House too! *Thanks, Patrick!*

**Donna Cachor Delach** retired as a school nurse in June. She had two trips planned after retirement, trip this past fall to Germany and this spring to Italy. She is the grandmother of 8 with two more coming, one in December and the other in February.

**Linda Blaigne Justin** is retired! Margarita Alonso Diaz retired too!

**Martha Rossini Olson** always loved going to the Minnesota State Fair, living just a stone's throw away from the fairgrounds. She knew she wanted to own a stand there someday, and today *Sweet Martha's Cookie Jar* is the most delicious of them all! Sweet, salty, chewy and classic, the beloved chocolate chip cookie is a classic. Be sure to visit Martha and pick up a batch of fresh, homemade chocolate chip cookies!

*You're the best, Sweet Martha!*



**Sue Reif OSF** is changing jobs and leaving Southern California. She will work in the Spiritual Care Dept at Madonna Living Community in Rochester, MN.

## 1974

**Rosy Rockers Byron** has been busy with her 3 grandkids who live in LaCrosse. She has been sewing everything from "A-Z", has a nanny gig with 3 cherubs in LaCrescent, MN, traveling and *her toughest job which is keeping Patrick on the "straight and narrow". :o* EDITOR's NOTE: Rosy is one of the Alumnae Office's favorite Teresans too as she is our wine bottle cover maker extraordinaire! *Thanks so much, Rosy!*

**Janine Dahms Walker** and her husband, Greg, were directors for College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University Study Abroad for fall 2016. They lived in Rome and Athens for 8 weeks each and had 30 undergraduates with them. When in Rome, they attended the canonization of Mother Teresa. *Pretty amazing!*

## 1975

**Mary Mistelske Hartz's** mother, *Margene Pekas Mistelske '49*, mother passed away 9/28/16. She loved Saint Teresa's! Mary remains a parish nurse at St. John the Baptist in New Brighton, MN.

**Maribeth Hangsterfer Ryan** recently welcomed their first grandchild!

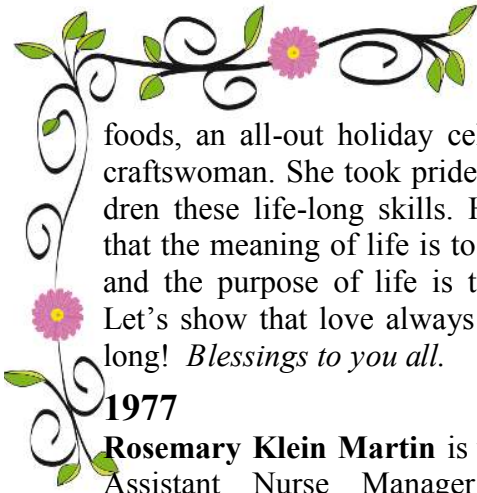
**Georgia Finnegan Saulitis** has a new position as Director of Advancement, Minnesota Dance Theatre.

## 1976

**Stephanie O'Connell Corbey** retired executive director individualized student services Burns-ville-Eagan-Savage school district; adjunct faculty University of Saint Thomas.

**Maureen Doffing** and her husband, Bob Van Doran, are living the small town retired life offered in St. Charles, MN. It is wonderful!! Like most grandparents, they enjoy visiting their grandchildren several times each year.

**Ana Maria Iniguez** has spent much of 2017 reflecting on her life. She lost her mother in February, and it's been a challenging time for her. When someone has passed away in your family life, their spirit and love is always in your home, which means it is in your heart! Mom was an excellent cook, especially traditional Mexican



foods, an all-out holiday celebrator and talented craftswoman. She took pride in teaching her children these life-long skills. Her mom showed us that the meaning of life is to FIND YOUR GIFT, and the purpose of life is to GIVE IT AWAY. Let's show that love always to everyone all year long! *Blessings to you all.*

### 1977

**Rosemary Klein Martin** is working full time as Assistant Nurse Manager at St. Elizabeth Healthcare.

**Mary Bagley Robinson** is enjoying retirement and continuing to travel and scuba dive with 3 other female friends—they call themselves the Diving Divas of Wisconsin. Their big trip was November-December to Malaysia, 6 weeks of scuba diving and learning about cultures way different than ours. She finds it interesting the many ways people around the world celebrate God, it brings us together as one.

### 1978

**Phyllis Carlile Magelky** recently sold her speech and language clinic. She feels that God has truly blessed her. She is employed by the buyer for the next 3 years. Phyllis would never have dreamt she would have her own clinic when she was studying at CST, but she is sure that what she learned academically and social emotionally prepared her for what she is today.

**Susan Hickel Skinner** started up a mindfulness prenatal program at Mayo Clinic Fall 2017. MBCP (Mindfulness Based Childbirth & Parenting).

**Joan Oertli Wilberding** sadly informed us that her daughter, Bethany, passed away October 2016. It was quite unexpected. She was 21 years old & has a twin sister. They miss her terribly! *Let us hold Joan's family in our prayers.*

### 1979

**Cindy Buege Clayton** and her husband, Dan, have been married for 37 years. They are both retired and enjoy traveling as well as spending time at their trailer at Fishers Resort on Lake Mille Lacs, MN. They welcomed their adult daughter back home in 2016. They have 2-year old labs and a 13 year old cat.

**Barbara Bush Johnson** welcomed two granddaughters into the world in 2016. Mary Elise Johnson and Charlotte Patricia Johnson, Decatur, GA. Grandparenting is the best!

**Jodene Strong** retired from the United States Army Reserves after 30 years of service Congratulations, Colonel Jodene M. Strong, May 1987-May 2017!

### 1980

**Cathy Bolger** retired from teaching May 2016. Thirty five glorious years in grades K, 1, 2. She is spending time with her two adopted daughters and volunteering at her local food pantry. She is forever grateful to CST for her elementary education degree!

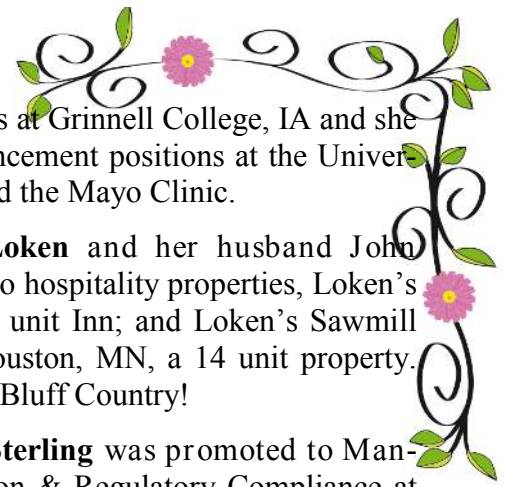
**Jeanne Meier Kramer** recently celebrated a milestone birthday in Owatonna with 100+ of her closest friends and family who came to show their love—including these Tere-sans pictured left to right: **Jeanne, Karen Frank '80, Rita Madden Meier '49, Carol Swanson '78, Maria Brenny-Fitzpatrick '80.** Celebrating with Tere-sans is so fun!



**Susan Carlson Minello** is working as an Adult Nurse Practitioner in Internal Medicine at University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston. If you are heading to the Houston area, give her a call 409-370-1536! Susan returned to Minnesota in September for the burial of her parent's cremains in Rushford.

**Belinda Bramhall Poeschel** married October 18, 2014 (Rex). Still teaching piano, guitar, ballet & tap. Has 7 grandchildren and is continuing as organist/choir director at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Mondovi, WI.

**Mary Starsiak RN, DDS** has been a General Dentist for over 33 years in Chicago. She has served on various Dental Society Boards including the Illinois State Dental Society and Chicago Dental Society. She recently finished her term as Chair of the Illinois State Dental Society Board of Dentistry. She just finished an 8 year term on the



Dental Board and will be President of the Central Regional Testing Agency for a two year term. This agency is one of 5 testing agencies in the U.S. which test graduates for licensure in dentistry. Mary has been a dental examiner for over 8 years and has enjoyed being involved with these exams.

**1981**

**Jennifer Millsap** is celebrating 36 years working at Regions Hospital, St. Paul, MN and celebrated 34 years of marriage last April to Steve Lopicka.

**Rita Radtke Wojnowski's** second daughter married April 1, 2017 in Phoenix, AZ.

**1982**

**Linda Vandermus Brech's** first daughter-Victoria Ames-was married to Erik Felten September 2017 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Rochester. An outdoor reception followed at their home.

**Connie Scheid Caine** and husband, Steve are immensely blessed and excited about being grandparents! Their family welcomed Emersyn Rose, born



January 2018. She is loved beyond measure! Let the spoiling begin!!!!

**Robin King Erickson** (right) and teacher friend Amy of St. Francis of Assisi School in Rochester represented the Snow Queens on fictional character day. Robin says they are very real indeed because they have brought two snow days so far! What creative and fun CST educators we have!



**Beth Halloran** joined Saint Catherine University, St. Paul, MN, January '17 as Executive Vice President and Chief Advancement Officer. Previously Beth served as the senior vice president for advancement at The Minneapolis Foundation, was vice president for development

and alumni relations at Grinnell College, IA and she also held key advancement positions at the University of Michigan and the Mayo Clinic.

**Eileen Fanning Loken** and her husband John own and operate two hospitality properties, Loken's Rushford Inn, a 20 unit Inn; and Loken's Sawmill Inn & Suites in Houston, MN, a 14 unit property. Come visit them in Bluff Country!

**Rebecca Schabb Sterling** was promoted to Manager of Accreditation & Regulatory Compliance at Rush Copley Medical Center, Aurora, IL since July 2015. Was also expecting the arrival of her first grandchild in late October...was hoping the baby would wait until after Reunion Weekend!

**1985**

**Stephanine Martin Dustrud, PhD** is pleased to announce the launch of **Powhershship Leadership Coaching**. Stephanine supports established and burgeoning leaders through customized, confidential services. Her doctoral dissertation, "Power Experienced by Women in Formal Leadership Positions As Described By Chief Academic Officers At Women's College's and Universities", undergirds her coaching approach. Stephanine also supports



individuals and organizations through professional, customized leadership development programs, organization and workforce development, education, training and consulting services in face-to-face and blended platforms. With a primary focus on self-leadership, Stephanie helps clients develop their leadership acuity and experience success. *If Teresans, family or friends are looking to take their leadership skills to the next level please contact Stephanine at [sam@powhershship.net](mailto:sam@powhershship.net). She would love to hear from you & support your next great adventure!*



**1987**

**Patricia Raway Chervenak's** mother passed away March 18, 2017 at the age of 77 and is deeply missed. Patti was finally able to attend our class reunion last fall and was delighted to reconnect with her CST friends.

**Kathleen Herold Froemming's** son, Alex, graduated May '17 from Dunwoody College with major in Engineering Drafting & Design. He planned to start work at Herold Precision Metals (HPM), Kathleen's brother's company, this past fall. She is so proud!

**Jayne Raycher Larson** moved from the Twin Cities to Eau Claire, WI. She and **Rose Campanaro Carlson** had a great time co-chairing our CST reunion last fall. Jayne put together a special slide show of our classmates, so if you'd like to see it, let Colleen know:



*colleen@cstalums.org*

**Colleen Kocer Peplinski** continues to serve as your Executive Director for the Alumnae Office. Stop in and visit when you're in Winona!

**Ann Schmitz Viveros** is passionately sharing her love of Mandala making with others. While she continues to teach full-time in the Minneapolis school district, Ann will be offering a session in February in Annandale, MN called "*Mandala Making: A Meditative Healing Art Form*".



Ann will integrate the wisdom of meditation and the joy of art into this mandala making, meditative healing arts experience. No previous art or meditation experience needed. On the surface she will help you create a beautiful circular art piece based on repetition and pattern. However, the experience can go much deeper. Mandala making can be a tool for deep inner contemplation and healing, through watching our thoughts and guided inquiry ...during the art making process. The mandala is a physical representation of our inner journey. You will leave with a finished project and a sense of accomplishment. If you want to learn more, please find Ann on Facebook: *Ann Viveros Mandala Artist*

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## *Rest In Peace—Our Beloved Teresans*

### *Alumnae Death Notices 2016-2017*

*Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family of CST alumnae and our loved ones that passed away.*



**Laura Loeffler Hurley '36** died 9/28/2017

**Viola Ramer O'Flaherty '36** died 7/1/2015

**Patricia Durnan Katz '40** died 8/21/2017

**Dorothy Henle Hase '43** died 1/3/2016

**Mary Hartnett Beffa '45** died 1/8/2016

**Elizabeth Schell Hillenbrand '45** died 5/5/2017

**Marzella Cahill Piper '45** died 9/13/2015

**Ruth Amendt Spurck '46** died 2/28/2017

**Sister Gavin Hagan '46** died 2/29/2016

**Geri Swift Flessor '47** died 1/20/2016

**Ann Nesbit Minger '47** died 1/23/2017

**Lucille Skrandel Olson '47** died 6/15/2017

**Mary Intlekofer '47** died 1/21/2016

**Mary Herek '47** died 8/16/2017

**Jeanne Carroll Cooney '48** died 4/30/2017

**Lois Fox Longe '48** died 9/14/2017

**Mary Jo Flanary Aiken '49** died 10/28/2017

**Barbara Salmon Doody '49** died 10/6/2017

**Margene Pekas Mistelske '49** died 9/28/2016  
*mother of Mary Mistelske Hartz '75*

**Elaine McCormick Wray '49** died 7/15/2017

**Sister Helen Chatterton '49** died 4/27/2017

**Sister Margaret Pirkl '49** died 3/19/2016 *sister of Sister Franchon Pirkl OSF '57*

**Sr Joyce Rowland '49** died 7/19/2017

**Jean Bofenkamp Simmonds '50** died 4/5/2017

**Dolores Todd Wold '50** died 7/17/2016

**Ann Mattison Frisch '51** died 9/3/2017

**Frances Perry Skemp '51** died 4/12/2017

**Mary Pat McDowell '51** died 2/21/2017

**Anita Miller Gelderman '52** died 7/29/2009

**Bonnie Chmeler Gilmore '52** died 8/26/2016

**Mary Murphy Hill '52** died 9/16/2017

**Carmen Rotering Killian '52** died 2/16/2017

**Patricia Joaquin Burkhalter '53** died 1/21/2016

**Eleanor McManimon Carlson '53** died 4/27/17

**Maureen Hutson Kratt '53** died 3/22/2017

**Lola Joanne Baland Washburn '53** died 11/28/2016

**Mary Carol Webster Marion '54** died 1/31/2017

**Lucille Binsfeld Nowicki '54** died 1/31/2017

**Helen Sinclair Gaevert '55** died 6/1/2017

**Joan Heitz Ross '55** died 2/24/2017

**Mary Fettkether Sloat '55** died 6/26/2017

**Julie Richards Weimer '56** died 2/12/2016

**Annette Moser Truda '57** died 6/26/2016

**Sister Regina Monnig '57** died 7/20/2017

**Patricia Drozd Ecklund '60** died 2/3/2016

**Irene Nelson Filkins '60** died 4/29/2017

**Mary Hohn Matzkanin '60** died 2/14/17

**Mary Ann Tait Smith '60** died 5/11/2017

**Sister Brian Taylor '61** died 3/15/2016

**Sister Margaret Manahan '61** died 6/5/2017

**Sr Clairvaux McFarland '63** died 9/3/2017

**Barbara Voelker Egan '64** died 7/9/2017

**Mary Dunn Siedow '64** died 7/7/2017

**Maureen Dowling McAvoy '65** died 1/3/2016

**Sister Angelo Grose '65** died 4/3/2016

**Virginia Conati Johnson '66** died 7/23/2017

**Marjean McShane DeCesare '67** died 11/3/17

**Kathleen McNally Penfold '67** died 8/7/2017

**Anne Biesanz Robertson '67** died 11/8/2015

**Ellen Gengler Lee '68** died 6/9/2017

**Judith McDermott '69** died 6/17/2017

**Dr. Jeanne Fanning '72** died 11/7/2016

**Sr. Doreen Vanuden OSF '72** died 11/21/2017

**Lorraine Mladic '74** died - date unknown

**Sylvia Wright '76** died 8/20/2017

**Paula Vertnik Dosland '80** died 12/22/2015

**Mary Hofbauer Kutney '80** died 3/30/2016

**Roxanne Troke '80** died 1/21/2016

**Diane Loeffler '83** died 8/31/2017

**Kathy Marcussen Quinn '83** died 12/27/17

**Tammy Loretz '84** died 8/19/2017

**Lee Nothwang Wilson '88** died 1/10/2016

**Michele Jacques Tropple '89** died 3/21/2016

**Mary Kitundu AM** died 7/17/2016

**Sister Irene Dobson AM** died 9/14/2016

**Sister Philothea Kadrlik OSF AM** died 7/2/2017

**Sr. Delphine Klein AM** died 11/25/2017

NOTE: "AM" denotes Faculty and Staff

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### ***Teresan Family Member Deaths***

***May your Teresan family members rest in peace.***

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**Bernard Gardner** died 7/9/17 *son of Genevieve Guil-lame Gardner '26 & brother of Geraldine Gardner Schilling '53*

**William Patterson Jr.** died 9/13/17 *husband of Mary Ann Oslund Patterson '45 & father of Ann Patterson Gibson '69*

**Dr. Francis Boyle** died 12/6/17 *husband of Glenna Gervais Boyle '49*

**Christopher Mackey** died 9/29/17 *grandson of Mary Zimmerman Mackey '49*

**George McCabe** died 6/22/17 *husband of Mary Ellen Mannefeld McCabe '49*

**J. Frank Wray** died 7/9/17 *husband of Elaine McCormick Wray '49 (dec.)*

**Lyle F. Santelman** died 12/3/17 *husband of Patricia Kelly Santelman '50*

**Joseph J. Skemp M.D.** died 7/22/17 *husband of Patricia McIlhargey Skemp '50 & father of Patricia Skemp Angelin '76, Maureen Skemp Lucas '85 & brother of Eileen Skemp Gass '53 & many CST nieces*

**Tom Gilmore** died 2/9/17 *husband of Bonnie Chmeler Gilmore '52*

**Margaret Olson Forrest** died 12/16 *sister of Patricia Olson Dolan '53*

**Don Gass** died 5/5/17 *husband of Eileen Skemp Gass '53 & uncle of Patricia Skemp Angelin '76, Maureen Skemp Lucas '85*

**Florence Ruggieri** died 2/17 *sister-in-law of Alice Mercier Ruggieri '53*

**John Drane** died 1/22/17 *husband of Lucile Puscheck Drane '55*

**Gerald Montgomery** died 9/22/17 *husband of Joanne Thulis Montgomery '55*

**Barbara Jobe** died 4/5/17 *sister of Joan O'Brian Radzikinas '55*

**Ralph Braun** died 5/3/17 *husband of Mary Harguth Braun '56*

**Harold Bonertz** died 10/31/17 *husband of Dori Lange Bonertz '57*

**Paul Johnson** died 1/1/17 *husband of Margaret Byron Johnson '57*

**Gene Krogh** died 7/10/17 *husband of June Patzner Krogh '57*

**Peter Weingart** died 9/9/17 *husband of Patricia Branley Weingart '57*

**Jerry Cooney** died 4/27/17 *husband of Margaret Heiser Cooney '58*

**Kathleen Billings** died 12/13/18 *sister of Marianne McGrath Miller '58*

**Florence Hospodka Brychel** died 8/3/17 *mother of Florence Brychel Ciskoski '59, Marilyn Brychel Meagher '61, Janet Brychel Krull '71*

**Jacquelyn Balfe** died 4/26/17 *cousin of Ethel Miller Kotchevar '59*

**William Loe** died 12/12/17 *husband of Alice Thuer Loe '59*

**James Bergquist** died 8/1/17 *husband of Joan Solon Bergquist '60*

**Joe Suchomel** died 7/31/17 *brother of Rosalie Suchomel Stacy '60*

**Robert Stacy** died 7/27/17 *husband of Rosalie Suchomel Stacy '60*

Jim Jatis died 12/1/17 *brother of Emily Jatis '60*

Donald Stella died 5/5/17 *husband of Margaret Vaughan Stella '61*

Donald Stella died 5/5/17 *husband of Margaret Vaughan Stella '61*

Ledo Lucietto died 7/24/17 *husband of Elaine Glasz Lucietto '61 & father of Anne Lucietto '85*

Earl Drussell died 9/4/17 *husband of Marian Kangel Drussell '63*

Dr. Jack Wilson died 7/1/17 *husband of Patricia O'Brien Wilson '64*

Chester J. Malanoski died 11/8/16 *husband of Ann Goodbout Malanoski '66*

Samuel Johnson died 4/9/17 *brother-in-law of Kathryn O'Brien Johnson '68*

Bradley Born died 8/31/17 *brother of Mila Born Sohnerch '69*

Lenora Watry died 10/13/17 *mother of Mary C. Watry '70 & Coleen Watry '73*

Ruth D. Quinn died 11/16/17 *mother of Mary Ellen Quinn Grobe '71*

Celeste Nemmers died 11/22/17 *mother of Virginia Nemmers '71*

LaVonne Jacobson died 1/25/17 *mother of Mimi Jacobson Schuttlofel '71*

Thomas P. Byrne died 8/2/17 *father of Jane Byrne Bicker '73*

Esther Klein died 8/19/17 *mother of Elaine Klein '73*

Janet Knobbe died 10/5/17 *mother of Jan Knobbe Jaspersen '79*

Sam Bernard died 6/14/17 *husband of Colleen Caliguire Bernard '83*

George Higgins died 4/6/17 *father of Karen Higgins Jones '82*

Patick Butler died 3/31/17 *brother of Jorie Butler Kulseth '85*

Rita Lueck died 8/30/17 *mother-in-law of Dawn Waller Lueck '86*

Ed Sansone died 8/26/17 *father of Kimberly Sansone '87*

Josephine Raway died 3/18/17 *mother of Patricia Raway Chervenak '87*

Alan Daus died 1/1/18 *husband of Cathy Grogan Daus '87*

Martin O'Malley died 8/21/17 *father of Eileen O'Malley Ness '88*

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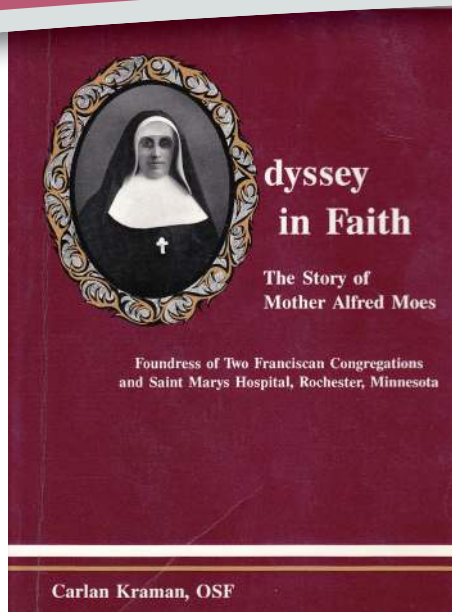


**Sr Joyce Rowland OSF '49**  
**FORMER PRESIDENT of the**  
**COLLEGE OF SAINT TERESA**  
**1969-1980**



Sister Joyce taught at several schools in Minnesota: Junior High students at Queen of Angels School, Austin (1944-1947), English and Spanish at Lourdes High School, Rochester (1949-1950), and English at St. Augustine High School, Austin (1950-1952). From 1953 to 1956, Sister Joyce served as Postulant Mistress for the Franciscan Sisters of Rochester. On completion of her

Ph.D. in 1962, she served as Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion at the College of St. Teresa (CST), Winona, from 1961-1967, during which time she also served as Assistant Academic Dean from 1965-1967. On completing a Ford Fellowship in 1967, she served as Associate Professor, Academic Dean and Vice-President at CST to 1969 and then served as President of the College (1969-1980). Following her years at the College of St. Teresa, Sister Joyce taught elementary students at St. Marys School, Las Animas, Colo.; served the poor and lepers in Managua, Nicaragua; taught leprosy (Hansen's Disease) patients at the public health hospital in Carville, La.; and did parish outreach ministry to the sick, homebound and terminally ill members of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Green Valley, Ariz. She also served as a volunteer at St. Joseph Parish in Clements, Minn. (2001-2006) and St. Joseph Parish in Lamberton, Minn. 2006-2008. She retired to Assisi Heights in 2008.



This year marks the 140th anniversary of Mother Alfred's decision to trust in God and remain in Minnesota when the Chicago bishop was requesting her return to Illinois in 1877; a decision that resulted in the founding of our congregation, the Sisters of Saint Francis of the Third Order Regular of the Congregation of Our Lady of Lourdes. Mother Alfred died on December 18, 1899, at the age of 71. Her obituary in the *Olmsted County Democrat* stated that she was "a woman whose unceasing labors have given the world monuments that will forever keep her memory green in the hearts of suffering humanity." Her indefatigable spirit never waned as she identified ministries for this new congregation. From 1877 – 1899, Rochester Franciscan Sisters served in over 25 cities.

Sister Carlan Kraman performed a colossal task of research and writing to present us with *Odyssey in Faith: The Story of Mother Alfred Moes*, published in 1990. The youngest of ten children born to Peter-Gerard and Anna-Marie Moes in Remich, Luxembourg, Maria Catherine would become Mother Alfred Moes, foundress of two congregations of Franciscan Sisters in the United States. She and her older sister, Catherine, came to the United States, in 1851, desiring to teach the Indians. According to Sister Carlan, the personality traits of the two Moes women complemented each other: "Catherine was frail, her younger sister was indefatigable; she was cautious where Maria was inclined to be rash; prudent and considerate where the younger was spontaneously generous. Catherine's were the less spectacular virtues

which furnished a balance to her sister's impulsive temperament."

Mother Alfred's main interest was the education of immigrant children. She was known as an excellent teacher. Pastors of parishes in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ohio requested her Sisters. In 1883, her response to the tragedy of a tornado leaving many wounded was to have them brought to the Academy of Our Lady of Lourdes as a temporary hospital. That experience prompted her to negotiate with Dr. W.W. Mayo for a hospital that the Sisters would build and administer in collaboration with the Mayo physicians as the medical staff.

Schools and hospitals are monuments that keep the memory green of those who initiated them, but the more important "monument" for us is the exemplar of virtue that Mother Alfred provides. Sister Petronilla said, "Although her official duties were many and important, still, in her humility, she never considered any manual work too menial for her performance." Sister Eleanor Granger assessed Mother Alfred's contribution to education: "If she had not had the courage of her convictions, many communities across the Midwest would not have been the beneficiaries of solid Christian, Catholic education." Significant is Mother Alfred's philosophy about collaborating with Protestant doctors for care of the sick: "the cause of suffering humanity knows no religion and no sex; the charity of the Sisters of Saint Francis is as broad as their religion." These virtues are the fruition of a lifetime commitment to "trust in God and do good (Psalm 37)."



This 1985 photo shows Sisters Patricia Fritz, right, (Rochester) and Elaine Murphy, left, (Joliet), both serving as Congregational Leaders, standing next to a sketch of Mother Alfred in Joliet. The two Leadership Teams were meeting together even prior to the beginning of "Mother Al's Gals" gatherings.

As we tell the story of Mother Alfred and our founding Sisters, we find a rich, passionate, sometimes mysterious adventure that now includes five unique Religious Congregations. Let us highlight some of the treasured memories from these five groups whose Leadership, since the early 1990s has found life and goodness in gathering together. Affectionately known as "Mother Al's Gals," these Leadership Teams continue to meet annually, exploring and celebrating the Spirit alive in the early pioneer women who brought about blessings for so many people. They also inspire and encourage each other marveling at that same Spirit alive today in these congregations.

## Holy Cross Congregation

Mother Alfred and Sister Barbara, her blood sister, entered the Marianite Sisters of the Holy Cross in South Bend, Indiana, on July 17, 1856. Mother Alfred professed final vows in 1858. Sister Grace Shonk, CSC, archivist of the Sisters of the Holy Cross writes:

"The Sisters of the Holy Cross are blessed to have had Mother Alfred Moes (Mary Catherine Moes), known as Sister Alfred, as a member during her beginning years of religious life together with her older sibling, Sister Barbara (Catherine Moes).



One branch on the "family tree" plaque of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

"The Sisters of the Holy Cross revere her as a branch from the tree of Holy Cross. Indeed, she is honored among the pioneer spirits who, formed by the message of the Cross, gave witness in their lives to the love of God for all His people. A small picture is displayed in the Congregation's Heritage Room." (see image above)

## Franciscan Sisters of Allegany

Ms. Ellen Winger, Congregational Archivist for the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, submitted the following from "the earliest materials in our archives."

"During the early 1860s, Father Pamfilo had taken under his care four Sisters in the Congregation of the Holy Cross at St. Mary (Notre Dame), Indiana. They desired to transfer from the congregation and become members of the Franciscan family. On August 2, 1865, Father Pamfilo received their first postulant, Mary Rosenberger (Sister Mary Angela) in the chapel at St. Bonaventure College in Allegany. At that time, he appointed Sister Alfred Moes the first superior of the Congregation of the Third Order Regular of the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate, Joliet, Illinois. During their stay in Allegany, Mother Alfred and Sister Angela lived at St. Elizabeth Motherhouse."

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# Many Destinations, Similar Journeys

## Joliet Franciscans

On June 1, 1863, Mother Alfred and companions were accepted into Third Order Regular of Saint Francis by Fr. Pamfilo, OFM, of St. Bonaventure University. Thus begins the new Franciscan Order, the “Joliet Franciscans.”<sup>[1]</sup> Mother Alfred and Sister Bernard moved to Joliet on November 5, 1863, to begin teaching. In 1876, at the direction of Bishop Foley, a new general superior was elected, Sister Alberta. She appointed Mother Alfred to move to Minnesota in response to a request to build an academy for girls in Waseca.

In December of 1877, Bishop Foley expelled Mother Alfred from the Joliet Community. At that same time, a new Order, the “Rochester Franciscans” was begun. The Archives of the Joliet Franciscans provide us with letters from Mother Alfred, in her own hand, to Sisters in Joliet. Note the dates of the letters, which were provided by Ms. Nan Nagl, Director for Mission Advancement, and appear on the next page.

<sup>[1]</sup> The Order was incorporated in the state of Illinois in 1874.

## Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

In 1901, three members of the Franciscan Sisters of Joliet, Illinois, responded to the needs of the immigrants, by establishing a new Franciscan Community in St. Louis, Missouri. This congregation became known as the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Sister Regina Strassburger, OSF, Secretary General for the Congregation, sent her reflections about Mother Alfred:

“The quote from Psalm 37 that appears on the icon of Mother Alfred Moes, “Commit your way to God; Trust that God will act,” resonates with the spirit of the foundresses and members of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. In the Testament of Mother Ernestine Matz, one of our three foundresses that broke off from the Joliet Franciscans, we read,

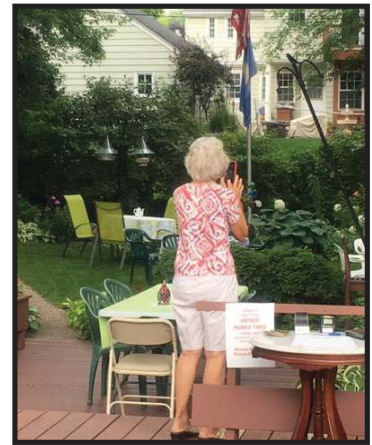
“All beginnings are difficult, failure seemed to stare us in the face. We placed our confidence in the [God] . . . “ We had no direct dealings with Mother Alfred, but we think we inherited some of her spunk, spirit, dedication and trust in God. We often state that the first mission statement of our foundresses, “No place too far, no person too lowly, no service too humble” is in our DNA! We are certain and so grateful for the gifts passed down to us from the Joliet Franciscans and Mother Alfred Moes.”

## Sisters of Saint Francis of Sylvania, Ohio

On December 8, 1916, Mother Adelaide Sandusky, along with 22 other Sisters, responded to the call from Bishop Schrembs to move from Rochester, Minnesota, to Toledo, Ohio, to educate the children of Polish immigrants. This move was approved by the Council and Mother Leo. Sister Nora Klewicki, Congregational Archivist, offers her reflections:

“Mother Adelaide professed first vows on July 16, 1899, less than four months before Mother Alfred’s death at St. Joseph’s Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota. It is not unreasonable to assume that she attended the profession ceremony. It is also quite possible that Mother Adelaide was known to Mother Alfred even before her entrance into the Rochester Franciscan sisterhood in 1893, as the Sandusky family lived in St. Paul. These instances however, are in the realm of conjecture.

“Mother Adelaide Sandusky surely benefitted from the educational gifts of the College of St. Teresa, an institution that she not only attended, but served with distinction. An institution which, though started by Mother Leo Tracy, was most surely blessed by Mother Alfred. And Mother Alfred would have cheered for the inspired architecture that is the Sylvania motherhouse and for the success of Lourdes University, an institution that began as an extension of St. Teresa.”



*Addy's*  
**26th  
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July Picnic  
2017**



Thank you Addy for all of the wonderful picnics and your tireless support of CST!

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## Time Capsule Buried to Commemorate 140th Anniversary

On October 10, we buried a time capsule of memories from this year to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of the Congregation, with the intention to open it in October 2027, in celebration of the 150th Anniversary. Here are some of the TV newscasts about this event:

KAAL-TV - <http://abc6.tv/a3g8e>

KIMT-TV - <http://www.kimt.com/clip/13804208/placing-a-time-capsule>

KTTC-TV and WXOW and WPTA - <http://www.wxow.com/story/36566981/2017/10/10/sisters-of-saint-francis-bury-time-capsule-to-open-in-october-2027>



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