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# ***RECONNECT ~ REMINISCE ~ REJOICE!***



## *CST: Our Humble Beginnings*

*With a horse named “Jim” and a surrey with a fringe on top for transportation, \$4.29 in their pockets, and a \$29,000 mortgage on a one-time hospital and girls’ academy, two dedicated Sisters opened the Winona Seminary for Ladies, which eventually was to become the College of Saint Teresa.*

# **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 Mass October 2023



*Left:* Our liturgy percussion section's master extraordinaire! **Sister Franchon Pirkl '57!**



*Right:* Another year with our wonderful Liturgist, **Kathy Snook Smiley '80**

*Below:* Portrait of our own **Colleen Kocer Peplinski '87**

*Bottom entering Tea House:* **Ginny Rose Callaghan '73** stopping at the Tea House for a visit during the Saint Teresa Day Reunion Weekend.



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## 2024 DATES TO REMEMBER \* ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF THE COLLEGE OF SAINT TERESA

01/15/24 MAILING: All-School Reunion Registration  
Brochure to all 6,000 alumnae

02/15/24 NEWS: Teresan News to all Paid Members of AACST

**02/28/24 DUE DATE: All-School Reunion Registrations**

03/30/24 FINAL RSVP's: All-School Reunion Registrations

06/6-9/24 REUNION: All-School CELEBRATION in WINONA!

10/1-8/24 TRAVEL: California—Missions & Wineries

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## President's Message — *Betty Ford '75*

On September 19, 2023, 22 Teresans boarded planes in Minneapolis for destination...Italy! Our goal, 10 days to tour and explore two cities steep in our Catholic heritage, one as the birthplace and home of St. Francis and the other, the center of our Catholicism and home to Pope Francis. We had a planned itinerary of sightseeing, wine, and cooking tours; a phenomenal tour guide; cozy hotel accommodations; and a charter bus with a driver who gracefully maneuvered us to destinations and through the winding countryside. The trip was everything we hoped for AND became much more.....

With our first steps off the bus and ascending the steep hillside of Assisi, we each sensed this was going to be different. There was an instant connection to our faith and Franciscan values instilled by our shared experiences in the classroom and living on campus with our beloved Sisters of St. Francis. As we visited the Hermitage of St. Francis and walked on the paths he walked and prayed, we were reminded of the strength, courage and faith it took for Francis to break away from his family and the life he knew to follow the unchartered path chosen for him of prayer and service.

In Rome, the vibe was very different, from the humble abodes of Assisi to a bustling city of grandeur. Touring the Vatican and the works of Michelangelo was magnificent and yet it paled with the opportunity to be in the presence of Pope Francis during his Wednesday papal audience as he passed directly in front of us, an arm reach away. A new sense of awe and spiritual awakening through another Francis, a gentle man of strength, courage and faith in the unchartered path chosen for him of prayer and service as leader of the Catholic Church.

Returning home, as CST alumnae, we are inspired and in awe of our Sisters of St. Francis, who set an example of strength, courage, and faith for us starting in March 1894, when Sisters Leo Tracy and Dominic Mahl, journeyed to Winona with just \$4.29 between them, but with a strong faith and dedication to their mission... the education of young women in academic excellence and service. For these two dedicated Sisters, there were no planes, no comfy hotels, no tour guide, and not a lot of money but *“With a horse named “Jim” and a surrey with a fringe on top for transportation, and FAITH beyond measure, they opened the Winona Seminary for Ladies, which eventually became the College of Saint Teresa.”*

The strength, courage and faith of the Sisters of St. Francis never wavers, they continue to remain an example and inspiration for each of us through their dedication to lives of prayer, service and the teachings of St. Francis. We are forever grateful.

*With Gratitude for all that was and all that is yet to come,*

*Betty*



## Treasurer's Report – *Mary Frohnauer '77*

*Greetings, fellow Teresans!*

This is the final update on money that I will be writing and that you will be reading. Through the years, you have been following the status of funds which belong to the Alumnae Association and also the scholarship fund that was entrusted to us. You have all contributed to both raising and growing this money through dues, donations, and rolling up your sleeves to help with various projects. As you look back at all that has been accomplished over the past 35 years, I hope you are feeling as much joy as I do in what we have maintained for each other and for the candles of hope that we have launched into the world through scholarships to your people who will be carrying forward. As in the past, here is a brief summary of each which the Alumnae Association is responsible.

### **Teresan Scholarship Fund**

In 2023, undergraduate scholarships totaled \$166,000, graduate scholarships \$206,000, and Teresan Enrichment awards \$49,035. Over the 32 years that the Alumnae Association has managed the Scholarship, the fund has distributed over \$2.5 million! Remember that when the scholarship trust fund was transferred into the Alumnae Association's hands, the starting amount was only \$722,000. This is a moment to say a prayer of thanksgiving for all the Franciscan sisters, the students, and families of students who left behind these legacy funds. Heartfelt thanks also must go to subsequent donors who added to this precious gift given to future students. Finally, much appreciation must go to the alumnae who have served on both the board and the scholarship committee for over three decades. Sisters Leo Tracy and Dominic Mahl, whose mission was to provide academic excellence for young women, would be proud of what has been accomplished.

At this point the Scholarship Fund has \$60,000 remaining. Much of this money will be needed to pay taxes and all the accountant and attorney fees to officially and properly close out this trust fund. The bulk of the work will be done in 2024, but a small amount of work and money will be required in 2025 to pay the final tax bill.

### **CSTea House, Inc.**

The Tea House, which has for so many years graced campus life and was lovingly restored after college closure, will revert to its current owner, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, by the end of 2024. The Tea House account balance currently sits at \$19,000. No major work is anticipated, so maintenance through the end of the year should be covered. The board is hopeful that the Alumnae Association's support contribution for this final year will be limited to about \$50,000, which is the estimated cost of closing each of our three funds. The majority of the legal work involved in closing this account will be done in the late autumn of 2024, but the final taxes will be paid in 2025.

### **Alumnae Association of CST**

The Alumnae Association currently has \$435,000. Final dues payments to date account for \$116,000. Additional money will be added as registrations begin to arrive for our final reunion, which will be held in just a few months. Dues, registration fees and \$100,000 from long-term saving by the Alumnae Association are expected to fund our final reunion. Salaries for our executive director and office staff will be required through 2024. After the reunion in June, no additional money will be added. Therefore, the funds in the Alumnae Association account must also cover salary through our closure for our executive director and for legal fees, accounting fees and taxes in 2025. The board has tried to ensure that there will be adequate money for all of the expenses required of closure of three separate entities. The Alumnae Association of CST is the final repository for money (*as well as the entity that will be required to cover any overrun costs from the very end of the scholarship fund and the Tea House fund*). Any money at the end that is not needed for closing costs will be gifted to the Rochester Franciscans.

**Our financial planning has benefited us all. We look forward to the best year yet!** *Mary*

## Director's Message - *Colleen Kocer Peplinski '87*

We have much to celebrate in this new year – the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the groundbreaking of our beloved Chapel of Saint Mary of the Angels, and our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alumnae Association of the College of Saint Teresa, but most importantly, it's YOU our CST alumnae and beloved Sisters of Saint Francis that we celebrate and are grateful for. Without each of you back in 1989 when we had just a meager \$5.82 in our Savings Account, we would not be here today. So please join us in celebrating that Teresan spirit on June 6-9, 2024 on our beautiful campus in Winona, MN. Make plans today!



It has been my honor and privilege to serve you almost 33 years of this time, truly representing the heart of what makes the Alumnae Association so special. God knew that I needed to be here in the heart of campus, ready to serve with a smile and open door at the Tea House. With my passion for all things Teresan, I have enjoyed every moment of my time here with you. The greatest blessing is that our office staff, Amy and Lisa, do too!

My greatest accomplishments in keeping our Teresan spirit alive would be through reunion and chapter gatherings; being the point of contact for CST, our CST Records/Archives Office at Assisi Heights, and our alumnae; and our scholarship program, which has helped so many young people accomplish their goals through higher education. The Sisters of Saint Francis built our College to achieve excellence in academics and service, and not only through those 82 years of the College's existence, that education of young people on our campus continues today through Cotter Schools! What an amazing gift!

Our CST All-School Reunion registration materials will be coming in the mail in mid-January. Early-bird reservations are due February 28, and all other reservations are due March 30<sup>th</sup>, so start planning today! Saint Mary's University of Minnesota will be able to house many of us in their air-conditioned dormitories, including private bathroom facilities for each dorm, or some have jack-and-jill baths shared between two dorm rooms. Get your college roommate signed up with you so you can reconnect, reminisce and rejoice of your days at CST! Keep watching our website for the updates on reunion, and by mid-January, the registrations will be open at: [www.cstalums.org](http://www.cstalums.org).

See you all ***June 6-9, 2024***. The fun begins Thursday afternoon and goes through Sunday at noon, so you won't want to miss a minute of it! Join us June 6<sup>th</sup>!

*Blessings to you all, Colleen*

***CST All-School Reunion***  
***June 6 - 9, 2024***  
***Reconnect ~ Reminisce ~ Rejoice!***

# CST All-School Reunion 2024

**June 6-9, 2024**

*Winona, Minnesota*

**Reserve Your Rooms Today!**

*Winona is always booming with visitors especially in the summer months with outdoor fun, music festivals, weddings and now, our final CST reunion! Below is a list of hotels which have a limited number of rooms blocked/reserved until **May 1st**.*

**Please CALL HOTEL DIRECTLY!**

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

## **THE PLAZA HOTEL & SUITES**

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

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

Junction Hwy 43 & 61

Rates: \$165 -\$195

**“St Teresa’s Reunion” - Group Code: STR**  
River City Grill Restaurant attached, WiFi

## **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS**

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

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

1128 Homer Rd Rate: \$179.99

Group Name: “College of Saint Teresa Alumnae”  
Continental Breakfast and WiFi

## **RIVERPORT INN & SUITES**

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

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

900 Bruski Dr Rates \$129.99 – \$149.99

“College of Saint Teresa Reunion”

Group Code: CST24

Hot Continental Breakfast and Wi-Fi

## **FAIRFIELD – (Winona’s newest hotel)**

507-474-2500

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

925 Bruski Drive Rates \$184-\$189

Group Code: STTS

Continental Breakfast

## **AMERICINN**

507-474-7700 or 800-556-7231

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

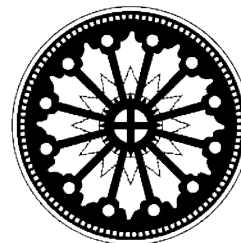
303 Pelzer Street Rates \$150

Group name: *College of St Teresa*

Hot Breakfast Buffet, free Wi-Fi

Link to book your room online:

<https://app.pandadoc.com/document/22fe8853af745ce11df2f63aaad832122a98f886>



### **SAINT MARY’S UNIVERSITY OF MN** **LODGING**

*Preferred lodging: 1960’s, 1970’s & 1980’s classes; \$85 per person/per night*

All rooms are air conditioned dorms with private or jack-and-jill baths. Class years will be kept together on dorm floors as possible. Once you review the brochure, go to our CST website to register. There will be another button to click over to the SMU website to make a room reservation for dorms at SMU where you can select a single room if preferred, or a roommate.

Additional cost for your choice of MEAL OPTIONS at SMU which include: **BREAKFAST** on SMU campus on Fri, Sat and/or Sun morning, plus the **FRIDAY EVENING DINNER** at the SMU Dining Hall from **6:30 - 8:00 pm**, followed by the **FRIDAY FIRE PIT night** - SMU student workers will light 3 live fire pits & monitor them. CST will provide the goodies for S’mores – yum! Enjoy music sitting by the fire with your friends! Get your Spotify play list ready.

**SMU link for lodging:**

<https://smumn.universitytickets.com/>

Two additional options:  
[airbnb.com](https://airbnb.com) OR [vrbo.com](https://vrbo.com)

**We welcome all CST alumnae back this summer! If you have never returned, it’s time! *Come home!***

JOIN THE COLLEGE OF SAINT TERESA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION  
ON A MISSION AND WINE TOUR



# CALIFORNIA

*Sonoma County, Monterey and  
Santa Barbara*



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ALUMNAE ARE INVITED TO BRING ONE GUEST ON THIS CALIFORNIA TOUR



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION  
COLLEGE OF SAINT TERESA

October 1 – 8, 2024

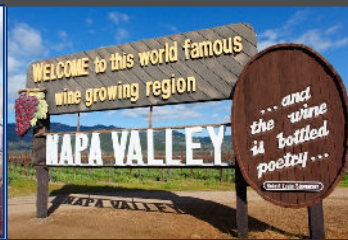
CST Alumnae Office: [info@cstalums.org](mailto:info@cstalums.org)

- **\$6,236** per person from **Minneapolis (MSP)**
- **\$6,386 / Chicago (ORD) \$6,436 / New York (JFK)**
- **\$5,486** per person **Land Only**
- - Into **San Francisco (SFO)**
- - Out of **Santa Barbara (SBA)**



Register Online: [www.206tours.com/cstalums/](http://www.206tours.com/cstalums/)

Contact: (T) 1-800-206-8687 (E) [Piernha@206tours.com](mailto:Piernha@206tours.com)



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 San Luis Obispo · Santa Barbara Hearst Castle · Edna Valley Winery  
 Los Olivos · Old Mission Santa Barbara · Fess Parker Winery

## Your Trip Includes

- † Round trip Airfare from (MSP) (ORD) (JFK)
- † 7 nights at first class hotels as follows: (or similar)
- ~ 3 nights: Oct 1 – 4: Flamingo Resort, Santa Rosa
- ~ 2 nights: Oct 4 – 6: Hyatt Regency, Monterey
- ~ 2 nights: Oct 6 – 8: Brisas Del Mar Inn, the Beach, Santa Barbara
- † Breakfast and Dinner daily
- † Transfers as per itinerary
- † Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- † Whisper headsets where needed
- † Assistance of a professional local Guide(s)
- † Wine tasting as per itinerary
- † Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- † Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- † Flight bag & PDF digital confirmation of all travel documents



Not Included: Lunches and beverages not mentioned,  
 Tips to your guide & driver  
 Land only pax airport transfer if you do not transfer with group

**Questions?** Email [piernha@206tours.com](mailto:piernha@206tours.com)

**CONTACT:** CST Alumnae Office: [info@cstalums.org](mailto:info@cstalums.org)

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- Password: francis

### REGISTER ONLINE!

- Online Registration/\$400 deposit per person
- All pricing is based on double occupancy



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# Tea House Visitors & Teresan Connections



Sheryl Wurzburger Delke '86 and her husband, John, drove up to the Tea House in their replica Shelby Cobra which John put together. *Pretty cool ride!*



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ASSOCIATION



The *Star Tribune* newspaper printed a story of our very own **Martha Rossini '73** of *Sweet Martha's Cookies* at the MN State Fair. Please scan this QR code to read this article on the Star Tribune website.

<https://www.startribune.com/meet-the-st-paul-woman-who-makes-the-minnesota-state-fair-goody-and-sweet/600300486/>



**(L-R): Connie Scheid Caine '82 and Roxie Monosmith Weiner '59** connected at Mass at Connie's church in March 2023.

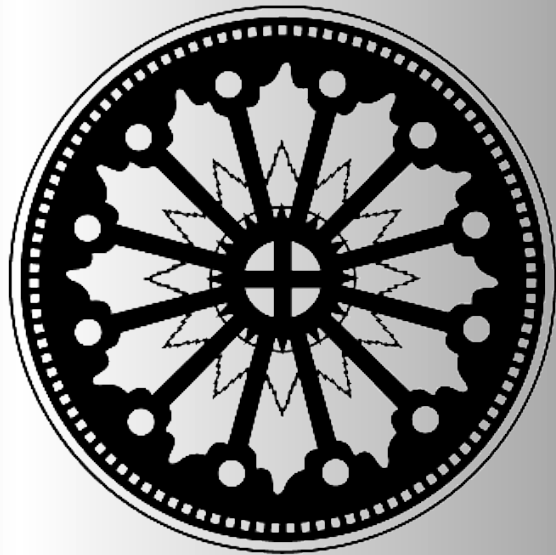


**Mildred O'Brien Chalberg '23** who was posthumously inducted into the Legendary Women Class of 2023. To read the story in the *Brainerd (MN) Dispatch*, go to this link: [https://issuu.com/brainerd\\_dispatch/docs/2023-bps-spring-issue#:~:text=Mildred%20O'Brien%20Chalberg%20\(1919\)&text=She%20taught%20at%20Brainerd%20High,teacher%20at%20Franklin%20Junior%20High](https://issuu.com/brainerd_dispatch/docs/2023-bps-spring-issue#:~:text=Mildred%20O'Brien%20Chalberg%20(1919)&text=She%20taught%20at%20Brainerd%20High,teacher%20at%20Franklin%20Junior%20High).



**Mary Ann Costello Hamlin '60** and her husband, Ray, celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in Atlanta, GA. Both pictures taken June 15...one in 1963 and the other 2023.

**Teri Collins '77** received the Sergeant Karen Lader Memorial Good Citizen Award from Maine Township for her tireless commitment to community service. *Congratulations Teri!*



# CST Class Gatherings 2023



This group from the class of **1968** gathered last week for a few fun filled days in Stillwater, MN. They have been meeting regularly since the early 90s! Pictured are **Candace Young Frie, Carol Crandall LeDuc, Suzanne Noble Koprowski, Michele Cassel Christner, Susan Beck Shomler, Mary Lou Hough Schultz-Pardue and Carol Gant Baldes.**

*(submitted by Carol Crandall LeDuc)*



These 1974 ladies gathered in June to discuss plans for the All School Reunion. *Left to right* **Mary Brockschmidt Crisman, Kathleen Corcoran Modjeski, Deedee Schubert Van Dyke, Mary Tewart Williams, Marcie Billeter Bordelon and Marilyn Habler Bellezzo.**



*Front row L-R: Kathryn Young '86, Katharine Weeklund Chase '87, Claudia Leon Shapiro '85*  
*Back row L-R: Mary Beth Koons Hearn '86, Jane Sabin Scannell '86, Catherine Ewing '86, Darcy Relle Regner '86*

***Mid-1980's: These ladies had a wonderful time in Sedona celebrating their 41 years of friendship and turning 60!***



***Class of 1969: A very fun time with our CST classmates in Punta Gorda, FL (left to right): Trisha Kennedy Menoni, Karen Kubacki Kemp, Mary Wandersee DeWitte, Jane Paul Hitney, and Marykay Jambois Haas. (Thanks Alumnae Office for the treats!)***

# Saint Teresa of Avila Day Celebration Mass—October 15, 2023



## Class of 1968 - by Jerelyn Ryan Sehl

On the weekend of October 13-15, thirty members of the Class of '68 gathered in Winona for our 55th college reunion. People came from as far away as Texas, Florida, and Arizona. We gathered at the AmericInn, a convenient location to the campus. Friday night we went to Wellington's Pub for an informal get-together, and then regrouped back at the hotel to continue catching up, reminiscing, and playing a CST crossword puzzle.

On Saturday, people split up for multiple activities. Some took the Winona Tour Boat ride on the Mississippi River. Several folks went to the Watkins museum and the Minnesota Marine Art Museum. Everyone had the same idea about making a stop at Bloedow's bakery! Some also made a trip to the winery on Garvin Heights or attended the storyteller festival held at St. Mary's.

On Saturday night, the dinner was a delicious buffet at the Michael Toner Student Center on the SMU campus. We prayed the Saint Teresa Bookmark before dinner and enjoyed reading to each other passages from "The Teresan Book of Table Manners".

Sunday saw a number of people at the Tea House, where CST merchandise was available. Then we assembled at the beautiful Saint Mary of the Angels chapel on the campus. Father Michael Joncas presided. As usual the music was beautiful and inspiring! We especially enjoyed singing Father Joncas' latest song "Shelter Me". It was a beautiful way to celebrate the feast of St. Teresa of Avila.

Then it was time to pack up and head our separate ways back home.

But remember, there is one more opportunity to come back to Winona next year for the very special all-class reunion. Watch for details to come and make plans to be "*Together Again*".



## Class of 1973 – by Deb Langenderfer Nagle

The 50 year reunion for the class of 1973 was held October 14-15, 2023 in Winona.

We left beautiful Winona in 1973 on a beautiful May day, prepared for travel, marriages, career opportunities and living our best lives.

This past October, we returned to Winona, some of us regulars and some had rarely returned. St. Mary's Parish hall was the scene of hugs, memories, conversations and picking up just as we left off so many years ago. We picked up right where we left off in 1973.

The highlight of our mini-reunion event were the buckets of Sweet Martha's Cookie Jar chocolate chip cookies, made lovingly by Martha and Terri, roommates from their CST days.

The class of 1973 is blessed indeed. Join us in June 2024 to celebrate once again!





## Class of 1983 - by Cheryl Yenter and Rosine Hermodson-Olsen



*(Front Row L—R)* Lori Froeba Grzelak, Sheila Newton Slifka, Mary Roffers, Cheryl Yenter, Colleen Lavin Alex, Gabrielle Bulger Vargo, Brenda Baechler Merchlewitz

*(Back Row L—R)* Peggy Godeen Kalmes, Rosine Hermodson-Olsen, Deb Lemke Libbesmeier

The class of 1983 gathered in lovely Winona for our big 40th reunion. We were treated to a colorful midwestern fall. The trees on the CST campus were turning gorgeous shades of red, yellow, and gold. We must toot our own horns and say that we are all looking great. Truly! Many of us stayed at the American Inn. In their lobby, we chatted, reminisced, and caught up on our lives. Stories of pain and heartbreak as well as joys and successes were shared. Many of us poured over the newest edition of CST Alumnae Directory and asked, “Where is-----? And what happened to-----?” You can help us answer those questions by commenting on our class Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/194703981257136> and contacting the Alumnae Office. We want to see you in June and beyond.

Thanks to our local hometown graduate **Brenda Baechler Merchlewitz**, we had lovely lunches and dinners at local restaurants. Brenda procured cozy rooms for our meals. Early Saturday our group split up and did sightseeing and shopping. One group hit the Winona Art Center and had a blast making fall mono prints. Another group met late arrivals for a delicious lunch downtown. Some of us went to Garvin Heights to look down on the campus nestled “mid the bluffs so staunch and true”. Later that evening, we reconvened as a large group at Signature’s Grille. With a lovely view of the golf course grounds and a delicious meal in front of us, we discussed our plans for the June 2024 reunion. We, as a class, are on board for staying at Saint Mary’s University for all the festivities that are planned there and are looking forward to a rocking good time. This reunion will be more fun if more of our classmates join. ***So please plan to attend. We look forward to catching up.***

And on another note, the class of 1983 has decided that we will continue to gather in Winona every five years. There really is nothing stopping us. We can figure it out. Really. We are liberally educated choice-makers! So June is not one and done. **2028 here we come.**



Above: Printing at Winona Art Center

On a bright, sunny blue-skied Sunday, we gathered for a wonderful and meaningful liturgy. Worshipping together in the Saint Mary of the Angel's Chapel is a special highlight of our reunion. This one did not disappoint. **Kathy Snook Smiley '80** planned and led a beautiful liturgy. The choir was in fine voice. Father Michael Joncas was the celebrant. The decorating committee created a harvest-fall theme that made the already gold tiles around the altar sparkle more brilliantly. And as is our tradition, Cheryl and Rosine provided liturgical dance. After mass, our class gathered with the Rochester Sisters of St. Francis in Alverna Hall for a delicious lunch. Thanks again to our hometown gal, Brenda, for arranging the catering and to Rosine who brought supplies for the lunch. It was great to share a meal with our Franciscan soulmates, teachers, and friends.

Many of us wandered over to the Tea House after mass. CST merchandise and memorabilia were available for purchase. There we encountered those signs that the Sisters used to place before their charges, "*Silence is essential for lasting achievement*" and "*Quiet is essential for poise and distinction.*"

While these words of wisdom were not plastered on the walls of CST when we were in attendance, we certainly appreciate the tenor with which

they speak. The class of 1983 has learned to breathe deeply, love fully, and seek the stillness that is necessary for "*poise and distinction and lasting achievement.*"

We said our goodbyes at the Alverna or the Tea House, depending on how fast we each needed to return to our daily lives. With a clear blue sky overhead and a slightly chilly but gentle fall wind on our faces, we took one last look around our campus, decked in its fall finest, and said, "*See you in June.*" We are abundantly blessed. See you soon—June of 2024.



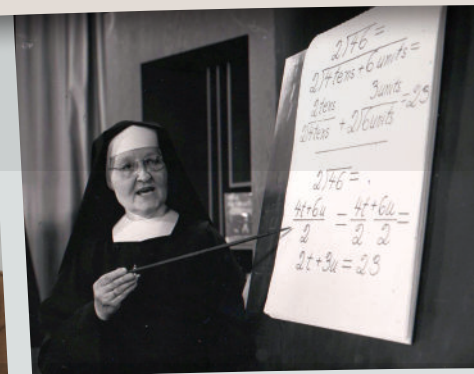
# Leaving Footprints on Our Hearts



Sister Constantius



Sister Michon



Sister Leontius

*“Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people move our souls to dance. They awaken us to a new understanding with the passing whisper of their wisdom. Some people come into our lives for a while and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never, ever the same.”*

*- Flavia*

Reflecting on who inspires me gave me time to remember, be grateful and to acknowledge the gifts of kindness and support throughout the many stages of my life and the wisdom that has touched me. I discovered that the list of names I created were far more than I could include in this article. I would like to address the Sisters in my Congregation, who may or may not know that they have shared their wisdom and have left footprints on my heart.

Sister Constantius Kuechenmeister, was a Sister of Saint Francis who I first met in the grade school I attended in Chicago, Illinois. She used to read to my seventh and eighth grade classes so that our regular teachers could have a break. Sister Constantius introduced us to Father Peter Damien who worked with lepers in Molokai, and later became a saint. Most special was that she planted the seed for me to want to follow in the footprints of St. Francis. Her dynamic storytelling captured my imagination and her life expressed what she read. Sister Constantius became a St. Francis figure for me.

Sister Michon Welch was the leader of the high school choir at St. Juliana Parish, in Chicago, Illinois. We

had so much fun with the Sisters and loved singing. Her vibrant personality taught me that being a Sister could be joyful. Sister Michon always showed interest in what was going on in my life and stood by me in my decision-making process. She was always there with a listening and discerning heart and helped me to recognize the movement of God in my life.

At the College of St. Teresa in Winona, Minnesota, Sister Leontius Schulte was a great teacher in preparing students to become teachers. She loved to teach math and she inspired us all to love and to want to be good teachers. I did use her teaching philosophy and dedicated myself to help students to love learning. Sister Leontius also taught me how to love life. Sister Leontius aged gracefully and she practiced what she preached. Joy just flowed out from her smiling face and loving attitude.

Sister Annella Rhode was in charge of Housekeeping at Assisi Heights. She welcomed all of us young women who left home after high school and put up with the immaturity that came with our youth. She even laughed at our escapades. But she also taught us how to be a faithful Sister by her example. Whatever the task, big or small, we learned how to use it as an



Sister Annella



Sister Monique



Sister Margaret Clare



Sister Valerie



opportunity to make others' lives easier. She came to work and prayer with a fidelity that truly inspired me.

Sister Monique Schwartz was the quiet giant in my life. I lived with her on mission. I would describe her as the wind beneath my wings. Sister Monique had high standards that she expected of herself. She taught me to strive to be my best. Sister Monique would always support my dreams and listen to my heart when I needed her wisdom.

Sister Margaret Clare Style was my eighth-grade spelling teacher. She traded with my homeroom teacher and came to our class to teach us spelling. I reclaimed Sister Margaret Clare in my trips from Chicago for committees and task forces we served on in the Community. We would have "catch-up talks" at night and laugh. She was a great storyteller. Sister Margaret Clare helped me laugh at myself and my mistakes, and encouraged me not take them too seriously, or I would get myself in trouble. Her wisdom was a treasure.

Sister Valerie Usher was my dear soulmate. We began our inner journey to become soulmates when we made final vows, helping each other to be faithful. Our paths did not have the grace of a day-to-day experience, but she was always openhearted to listen to my burdens, concerns, joys, and insights. In the last months of her life she gave me the greatest gift, which was to spend time together identifying the building blocks which formed our spiritual lives. We worked on readings, songs, and thoughts she wanted to gift us with as a Community, especially as we sat with her. Sister

Valerie said these words I will never forget. I said to her that we have so much in common as we shared meaningful readings, etc. She said, "Why do you think I chose you to help me with this?" Being grateful for our meetings would not even touch what those words meant.

The list continues to grow. And the gift of making one is the opportunity to remember the impact each Sister has had in my life. For all the Sisters who have inspired me, named in this article or not, I say THANK YOU. You have left have footprints on my heart and I will never be the same.

**Led by the Holy Spirit  
to embrace the Gospel life  
of continual conversion,  
through prayer,  
community and service,  
in the tradition of  
Francis, Clare and  
Mother Alfred,  
we, Rochester Franciscan  
Sisters and Cojourners,  
commit ourselves to be  
a compassionate presence  
for peace in our world,  
striving for justice and  
reverence for all creation.**

Mission Statement  
May, 2003

# NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK-April, 2023 *(from Assisi Heights)*



Dear Assisi Heights Volunteers,

In light of this special week of honoring volunteers across the country, we would like to take this opportunity to extend a BIG FRANCISCAN THANK YOU to each of you from all of the Sisters of Saint Francis!

*(Left) Sr Elizabeth Gillis '55*

*(Right) Sr Judine Klein AM  
and Sr Nancy Casey AM*



If we were not still in the midst of COVID and the variants, we would be having a big celebration with Sisters and volunteers TOGETHER, but since we cannot do that right now, we send our heartfelt thanks and prayers for all that you do for us!

In the song parody written by Sr Mercedes Lenz '42 in 2002,

**“We gather together to ask our God’s blessing  
on each volunteer who comes into our home.  
You help us to live life! You help us to love life!  
You bring warm smiles,  
much love and good cheer to us here.  
We are all so thankful! We are all so grateful!  
We all are so joyous because of you!  
May God grant you blessings  
and joys without ending.  
We love you and do pray for you  
all of our days.”**



*(above) Sr Francine Balster '55 and Sr Pat Beck '69*



*(above) Sr Lorraine Stenger '62*

We Sisters appreciate EVERYTHING you do for us.... whether it’s music, arts and crafts, meditation and exercises, games, visits and walks.....making popcorn!....helping with socials and meals....evening programs, serving as “Clinic Companions”....dusting the chapel or operating the camera so that we can participate in Mass from our rooms or the chapels on 2nd and 3rd Francis, etc.



*(above) Sr Jutta Gleichauf '60*

## Membership Levels

A very huge THANK YOU to you all for paying your membership dues on a regular basis. Our 2023-2024 membership levels (as of 12-31-2023) include anyone who has **paid \$100 or more**, although we appreciate all those who have sent dues on a regular basis. **YOU are the Teresans who have kept our Alumnae Office OPEN 35 years** after our college closed. We are so very grateful for each of you and your support over these years. *Grazie!*

### CAMPANILE \$1,000+

JANE WAGNER RENOIR	1943
ADELIN RAEDEHEL MURTAUGH	1951
JOAN BARTON	1952
MARIANNE MCGRATH MILLER	1958
ROSEMARY EVANSON BOEZI	1960
LUCY FARLEY FISHER	1960
JEAN DORE MILLS	1961
MICHELE MILLER GENTINE	1970
SANDRA KAISER SIMON	1972
DEANNA ANGST-HYLAND	1992

### SAINT FRANCIS \$500+

JUNE FUJIWARA BRIESKE	1950
JAN HATHAWAY-OTT	1959
JANICE FOX VALDER-OFFERMAN	1960
GWEN HECHT THOMPSON	1964
ROSE ABTS CURRIE	1965
JOAN PETZKA MOEN	1968
PATRICIA MCJAMES HASKETT	1971
JEAN HUTTON BOYLAN	1972
JO SUILMAN STEJSKAL	1972
DOROTHY BYRNES VAN BUSKIRK	1974
BETTY FORD	1975
JILL MARIE KIELBLOCK	1977
MARY KAY STEPANIK MCDERMOTT	1977
BARBARA SMITH REIS	1977
VIRGINIA NOVASCONE PRENDERGAST	1978
MARY NOLL TIBOR	1980
CHARITY ROWAN FLOEN	1981
KAREN SPEER HERMAN	1981
MARGARET DUNGAR VOISSEM	1982
GABRIELLE BULGER VARGO	1983
SANDRA MARY MASKELL	1984

### SAINT TERESA \$250+

ANNE FALETTO	1945
MARGARET MANAHAN LANE	1950
JOAN RIEMER-ELSER	1956
ELIZABETH POEHLING MCKILLIP	1957
MARY ANN SPELTZ ERPELDING	1958
CAROL SCHERMETZLER EKMAN	1960
MARLENE KREILING SBARBARO	1960
SHEILA MITCHELL DALY	1961
MERCEDES BRABENDER MCGOWEN	1961
YVONNE SHOBAKEN GUCKEEN	1962
MARY WEIR LEU	1962
NOREEN CALLAGHAN LIZAK	1962
JUDITH AUER	1963
MARY ANN WERA REMICK	1964
ANNE WINANDY SCHAEFER	1965
SUSAN KAMP	1966
SHEILA GARVEY TICHY	1966
LINDA DUNHAM VENNER	1967
LINDA FREIDHEIM HEFFERNAN	1968
MAUREEN COTTER PLITZUWEIT	1968
ROSEMARIE RUDA FURLONG	1969
KATHY JANEGA	1969
GAYLE HEIDL MCCAFFREY	1969
SUSAN DEVROY ADAMS	1970
KATHERINE BOLSINGER	1970
BEVERLY DOVE ROSS	1970
LOIS AHERN	1971
DONNA STARSIAK	1971
SHARON KAUFMAN AHERN	1972
CHRISTINE REIDINGER HAAS	1972
JO ANNE HOSTING	1972
LINDA RISHAVY JOHNSON	1972
MARILYNN HAMILTON NEUVILLE	1972
SUSAN SKALON STILLWELL	1972
ALANA GALE BENTON	1973

**SAINT TERESA \$250+ *continued:***

MARY MENONI BLAKEMORE	1973
REBECCA LYNN REBICH	1973
MARIE ROSE SWANSON	1973
MARY ANNE CUMMINS	1974
SUE WOLCOTT MEALY	1974
MALINDA JONES WELTON	1974
GRETCH HOLL BLAUSTEIN	1975
KATHLEEN DESMOND SHORT	1975
MARY ELLEN KRIPP	1976
KATHY COLWELL HORST	1977
JOANIE FALLON DOMANICO	1978
KATHLEEN A JONES	1978
DEBRA DOBMEIER LAPORTE	1978
MARY SUILMANN	1980
SHARON WOLFF	1980
JOAN STRONG GLOTZBACH	1981
SUE SCHUMAN HAEN	1981
EILEEN OCONNOR HUPP	1981
AUDREY LAI CHING LAM	1981
CONNIE SCHEID CAINE	1982
COLLEEN LAVIN ALEX	1983
NANCY CONWAY NICOLIN	1983
CYD PENNINGTON	1984
DESIREE ROCHEFORD ZIEGLER	1984
EILEEN SCHEFFLER FROELICH	1985

**SAINT CLARE \$100 +**

PATRICIA HILL	1948
KATHY ROETS GROSS	1949
PAT OCHS PURCELL	1949
ELEANOR WISE BURLA	1950
MARY JOAN CHANG HEE	1950
FLORENCE SCOTT TESAR	1950
PHYLLIS PINTAUDI DANDELET	1952
THERESE PAYANT KLAUCK	1952
MARY PAT SCHAEFER MIDDLETON	1952
MARGARET "PEGGY" CARROLL	1953
EILEEN SKEMP GASS	1953
MADONNA RABOIN MCCUTCHEON	1953
MARY JANE HALE PORTER	1953
GLORIA NARDINI CONRAD	1954

JANET KELLY BOHAN	1955
NANCY FULLERTON FLOOD	1955
JACQUELINE ALLEN LICHTY	1955
PATRICIA LIVERMORE MCLEOD	1955
JOAN RIEMER-ELSER	1956
JOANN VONDRASEK HANSEN	1956
NANCY MARKS RILEY	1956
CICELY HETREED BRYAR	1959
ANN LAUGHLIN CAREY	1959
BARBARA DURAND	1959
MARY ANN KEOUGH HENSEL	1959
KITTY MERRICK JANSEN	1959
BERNIE JOYCE	1959
NANETTE WILLETTE MOGENSEN	1959
SARAH LIVERMORE ORTH	1959
JOAN SOLON BERGQUIST	1960
MARY ANN COSTELLO HAMLIN	1960
VIRGINIA BOETTCHER KNESEL	1960
DONNA MURPHY MILLER	1960
JEAN PURCELL SKEMP	1960
BARBARA SONNEN	1960
GRETCHEN WIRTZ	1960
PAULENE ONEIL FLEUCHAUS	1961
HELEN HOLMAN GAUVREAU	1961
KIRSTEN FLESCHE KURTZ	1961
MARY GALLAGHER TOTH	1961
RINA VINZANI ANDREA	1962
JEANNE LEIGHTON DRUMMOND	1962
MARIANN TENNESSEN MARIS	1962
SUSAN TONSKEMPER PROCTOR	1962
MARY WAGNER SCHMIDT	1962
MARILYN MAUS TREDER	1962
MARILYN GARDEN ZIESERL	1962
MARTHA SPELTZ DEMETRIOU	1963
MARIAN KANGEL DRUSSELL	1963
MARGARET MILLER DUGO	1963
RITA FRISCH HARTERT	1963
KATHLEEN SLOCUM HENNING	1963
SHARON HAND OBRIEN	1963

**SAINT CLARE \$100 +**

EMILY KOLAR ZABROCKI	1963	GINNY NICGORSKI CASPERSEN	1967
MARY ADAMSON GLEISNER	1964	LEXIE GUENTNER GRZESIAK	1967
JUDY RESCH KRAFT	1964	MARY FENNO HAGELIE	1967
JEAN LAUX LEARY	1964	BARBARA A HARTLE	1967
MELODIE OBRIEN MARKS	1964	JANYNE HLADIS HILFINGER	1967
ALI MCKEON	1964	MARY JO CONVEY LANG	1967
PATRICIA TRAVIN MICHAELS	1964	THERESA NEITZEL MAZIG	1967
KATHY TIERNEY NESS	1964	MARY WEGMAN OCONNOR	1967
JOANNA WENCK NORTH	1964	FRANCES WYSOR PESCH	1967
MARY ELLEN OMALLEY	1964	KATHARINE BELL REDMOND	1967
MELANIE BRENNAN RYAN	1964	JUDY DAUFENBACH YANDA	1967
ANN WIER SHUMPERT	1964	KATHERINE HUELSKAMP CHICK	1968
KAREN BISCHEL VRSHEK	1964	BARBARA HUBBELL ERICKSON	1968
MARY DOUGOVETO CALO	1965	CANDACE YOUNG FRIE	1968
KATHLEEN MCGRATH DIFFLEY	1965	MARY LANPHEAR HADDAD	1968
DONNA LAROCQUE ESKRA	1965	MIDGE RICHMOND HUDRLIK	1968
CHERIE FITZSIMMONS FENSTERMAKER	1965	LONNA INGRAM KURTH	1968
JUDITH MULDER FLANERY	1965	MARCEY MCCANN	1968
MARGARET BURKE HORNBURG	1965	NANCY STUPKA SCHREIBER	1968
JUDITH STEINBAUER JARDINE	1965	JERI RYAN SEHL	1968
PATRICIA ONEIL KERRIGAN	1965	PEGGY QUINN ANDERSON	1969
MARY LILLA KLEINSCHMIDT	1965	NANCY CHABOT BREJCHA	1969
MICHELE KOHL	1965	MOLLY OHEARN CAVIN	1969
JOAN WITORT LENTINO	1965	ANN PATTERSON GIBSON	1969
DONNA MEILINGER SCHUH	1965	ANITA WAGNER HERTSTED	1969
CHERYL UCCELLINI SPILLANE	1965	DIANE SUDAR HIGGINS	1969
KATIE DREW SPONG	1965	MARY KAE WEIDNER HOFFMANN	1969
MARY ALBRECHT WAREHAM	1965	MARY KARTHEISER JEDLOVEC	1969
BARBARA PILCH GAVIN	1966	MARY YULE JELINEK	1969
SUSAN JOHNSON HUBER	1966	MARGARET MARTIN	1969
KAY SMITH LARRIEU	1966	JEANNE BUKER MATUG	1969
SHARON WEISENBECK MALIN	1966	TRISHA KENNEDY MENONI	1969
DOROTHY PROSE	1966	ROSALBA GARZA MURRAY	1969
MARGARET REINHARDT	1966	KATHLEEN POWERS OLIARO	1969
PATRICIA GALLAGHER VENA	1966	ANN MILLER PERSON	1969
DOROTHY BERG	1967	ANITA SCHUH SABOL	1969
MEREDITH BISHOP	1967	ANNE GRUENHAGEN SCHMIDT	1969
MARYBETH HENDRICKS BUCKMAN	1967	SUSAN KWASOWSKI SCHROEDER	1969
CARYL J CARNEY	1967	SUSAN SIMANDL WILL	1969
CAROL GREEN CARRARA	1967	PATRICIA KUMMETH	1970
		MARY BENNETT LAUHEAD	1970
		SUE WAGNER MCLAUGHLIN	1970

**SAINT CLARE \$100 + *continued*:**

JANE CALLAGHAN PEDERSON	1970	KATHRYN KENNEDY CARNEY	1974
MARY RUHOFF-HARTSTEIN	1970	MARY JOHNSON CARRIER	1974
MARY ELLEN RICHTER WELLS	1970	THERESE DENECKE-DATTALO	1974
REBECCA JOHNSON XAVIER	1970	LANICE SCHIEFEN ENGBRETSON	1974
MARY GROUS ARNHOLT	1971	CARMELLA ZAGONE FOSTER	1974
LINDA LASKI DATA	1971	MARGARET ANN SCHREYER GADIENT	1974
MARY PFRANG GAGE	1971	PAULA MCKEEN HELLIGE	1974
CLAIRE CROWELL HAMMER	1971	RUTH HOFFMAN-HEIN	1974
JANE BRANNOCK LIDGUS	1971	MARY ERNST JANDACEK	1974
ANNE MCCORMICK-KLODD	1971	MARY PAT TRAUSSCHT JEWISON	1974
JANET PINSONNEAULT NITTI	1971	KISSIE NOLL LARSON	1974
DONNA OBEREMBT	1971	KATHLEEN CORCORAN MODJESKI	1974
KATHLEEN OHARA	1971	PAMELA ZIMMERMAN OKEEFE	1974
MARTHA PETRY	1971	COLLEEN OSBORNE	1974
FRAN PHELAN	1971	PEGGY SHEEHY SHIRELEY	1974
SUE SULLIVAN RETHINGER	1971	DEEDEE SCHUBERT VAN DYKE	1974
WENDY STORCH RYSAVY	1971	DIANE BURKE FRANK	1975
JULIA SAUNDERS	1971	THERESE DOUGOVETO GROSS	1975
LAURA KEARNEY SCHENK	1971	CHRISTINE NOTTOLI-CAPLE	1975
MARY GANNON WILCZYK	1971	ANN M RHODES	1975
SANDI NEMITZ BLANK	1972	PAULA KRONEBUSCH TREVOR	1975
KAREN BERGER BOWMAN	1972	MARY OREILLY COUGHLIN	1976
MARCI BUNKERS	1972	JULIE HAYS DEVANE	1976
CLARE WINTERS CULLEN	1972	KARLA WEBER FELTES	1976
MARY DILLON DUNBAR	1972	SELINA FLORES-MUSGROVE	1976
KATHLEEN KLOCKER ORONI	1972	DORIS ANDERSON GACKE	1976
JANE NAGLE PLONKA	1972	ANA INIGUEZ	1976
KATHERINE A WOYTYCH	1972	CYNTHIA MORTENSEN IVERSON	1976
PAULA BARNES	1973	MAUREEN COLEMAN KELLY	1976
DEBORAH SCHEID BAUERNFEIND	1973	JOANNE SNYDER KRAMER	1976
MARY KARASCH BORMANN	1973	VICKI LOPEZ-KALEY	1976
MARY PAT NEWTON HESTBECK	1973	PATSY EYRICH LUECK	1976
LYNN MARIE MACAL	1973	JUDITH REIDINGER MUNSON	1976
NANCY BYRON MCLOONE	1973	STEPHANIE CONDRON PREVOST	1976
DEBBIE SCHERTZ REBERNICK	1973	MARIAN JUDE SELISKI	1976
MARTHA ROSSINI	1973	MARIANNE EWING TEXLEY	1976
MAUREEN DORAN TRENARY	1973	JACKIE SMITH THOMPSON	1976
KATHLEEN MURPHY WALDECK	1973	MARY LU BURKE BAGGOT	1977
MICHELLE WALSH	1973	CECILIA RYAN DACQUISTO	1977
TERRI WINTERING	1973	MARY FROHNAUER	1977
PATRICIA HINCHLIFFE BERRY	1974	ANN DUNGAR GASS	1977
		MARY ROWAN HARRITY	1977

**SAINT CLARE \$100 + continued:**

SHIRLEY LACEY HOLST	1977	JENNIFER MILLSAP	1981
JANE KALLAN-MARRA	1977	MARGARET MAJERUS NELSON	1981
SANDRA KOLLER KREISS	1977	KAREN BYRON PATHOULAS	1981
MARY BETH STERK LOURIE	1977	CHERI FORBY PETERSON	1981
KAREN MACHLICA	1977	MARY BROWNELL ANDREW	1982
MARY BAGLEY ROBINSON	1977	LINDA VANDERMUS BRECH	1982
NANCY VANDERAH RONDONI	1977	ANNE MARIE HENDRICKS GAVEL	1982
MAUREEN JEAN SHEEHAN	1977	LAURIE TENPAS RIVERA	1982
MERLE POWELL SNEARLY	1977	LORI FROEBA GRZELAK	1983
JOAN PICCOLI TOMKOWIAK	1977	MARGARET SONNEK KRIEGER	1983
THERESE TUNNEY CARBERRY	1978	KARA YOUNG KIM LEE	1983
JEAN TREMAINE CLEMENTZ	1978	DEBORAH LEMKE LIBBESMEIER	1983
JOAN E ERPENBACH	1978	SUE FERGUSON SIMON	1983
PHYLLIS CARLILE MAGELKY	1978	RITA M VOGEL	1983
JANET DOUGLAS SAUNIER	1978	JANE CHRISTOPHERSON WEIERS	1983
SUSAN M SNIDER	1978	CATHY LAMMERS BARNETT	1984
CAROL SWANSON	1978	MOLLY FLYNN	1984
NANCY WOBSCHALL TSCHAEKOFKSKE	1978	SARAH J KAUS	1984
CONNIE PIECZYRAK CONLON	1979	JUDI PERSOON LARSEN	1984
KRIS GRAFF GRUENEBAUM	1979	MARY JO CONNELLY SCHAFFHAUSEN	1984
JAN KNOBBE JASPERSON	1979	MARY PAT SKELLY BOHN	1985
EILEEN GORMAN KOZAK	1979	SUSAN GIBART DEGALLIER	1985
KATHLEEN MURPHY	1979	ANNE MARIE LUCIETTO	1985
LORI PYTLESKI NICKLAY	1979	LORI DINGLE MICKELSON	1985
KAREN A SALZ	1979	HELEN SKEMP ROOP	1985
CYNTHIA BRAUN SHAUGHNESSY	1979	SHARON TUCKER	1985
SUSAN ROEHL ACKER	1980	LAURA ANDELMAN ALLEN	1986
MARY SUE FOUST DUMAS	1980	JEANNE ANDERSON	1986
KAREN M FRANK	1980	BARB BEMKE BUSWELL	1986
LAURIE HANSEN	1980	CONNIE JONES GAVEL	1986
LUCY HAMILTON JOHNSON	1980	BETH HAMMER	1986
DEBRA BENSON KRONEBUSCH	1980	MARY HELMIN-SKLANEY	1986
ROSEMARY VANCO MANION	1980	HOLLY WIRTZ IWAKIRI	1986
KAY BODENSTEINER SHINDELAR	1980	TRACY RENEE MAUS	1986
CYNTHIA SWEENEY	1980	SUSAN LAMMERS MICHELS	1986
PATSY ZIMMERMAN	1980	MARY TRONDSON	1986
JULIE LEON COX	1981	JOANNE MURPHY WARD	1986
MAUREEN DILLON FIOCCHI	1981	CATHY GROGAN DAUS	1987
BARBARA OEHRLEIN GARDINER	1981	CPT PETER JOHNSON MD	1987
LISA LEHMAN HUGHES	1981	MIKA HAYDEN KUNZ	1987
KIM JENKINS	1981	JAYNE RAYCHER LARSON	1987
		KRISTIN MENZNER	1987

GERI SENN PATSCHULL	1987
COLLEEN KOCER PEPLINSKI	1987
MARY STUMPF PESCH	1987
DEBBIE SCHROEDER RANDON	1987
LIZ BRUSH SPELTZ	1987
CYNTHIA CHABOT TESKE	1987
BARBARA LANDSTEINER GRUNDMAN	1988
MARY BOHL LARSON	1988
LINDA RUHLAND-STAGE	1989
TAMMY WEISENBERGER TAMKE	1989
WENDY WEYENBERG BEHNKE	1989
MELANIE MASER BRUDEVOLD	1990
DESIREE HOUDEK	1990
GLORIA MILLER	AM

*Thank You...*

*Thank you to all 2,600 CST alumnae who have supported us over the 35 years since we began as a separate entity, the Alumnae of CST. With your help, we have been able 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. We have been blessed by your kindness and generosity over the years. With much gratitude, Colleen, Board & staff*

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Rochester, MN 55901**

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**SISTERS OF SAINT FRANCIS**

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

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***Thank you!***

# TWIN CITIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

December 2023



TOP Left: Some of the 22 Italy Trip attendees reunite at the Twin Cities luncheon.

TOP Right: Betty Ford '75, President, addresses the Twin Cities alumnae.

BOTTOM Left: Class of 1987 attendees with Colleen Kocer Peplinski '87, Executive Director.

BOTTOM Right: Over 55 CST alumnae enjoyed the luncheon.

The final annual Twin Cities Christmas luncheon was held December 2, 2023 following our final Teresan Scholarship Selection Committee meeting, *see p. 35*. We gathered round the podium as Colleen Kocer Peplinski '87, our Executive Director, told the story of "The Tale of the Three Trees" by Angela Elwell Hunt, which highlights the importance of trusting God with His plans for our lives. Colleen shared many updates about what's coming up soon for all CST alumnae (*see p. 3—2024 Dates to Remember*). Watch for the All-School reunion brochure coming in the mail at the end of January. Early-bird registrations are due February 28th; go on-line to register today: [www.cstalums.org](http://www.cstalums.org) Colleen encouraged us all to stay at Saint Mary's University, if possible (*first come, first served!*) What's great about staying at SMU in the air-conditioned dorms is that they will offer breakfast on campus, and a Friday night meal for all those staying on campus, followed by a bonfire, music & s'mores. Plus, SMU will offer transportation between the dorms and meals/events on the SMU campus. Join your classmates at SMU! Otherwise, Alverna is available for those who'd rather stay on campus. We enjoyed time visiting and reconnecting with each other. To close, we stood and sang our beloved Alma Mater *'mid the bluffs so staunch and true!* Join us JUNE 6-9, 2024 as we return to Winona for the All-School Reunion.

***You won't want to miss it!***

## *Rest In Peace—Our Beloved Teresans*

### *Alumnae Death Notices*

*Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family of CST alumnae and our loved ones that passed away.  
Rest in Peace dear servants of God.*

- Dorothy Lesage Shannon '41** died 05/05/22  
**Angeline Stumpf Anderl '43** died 04/07/22  
**Dorothy Struthers Sheridan '44** died 11/23/22  
**Mary Baxter Logan '45** died 08/29/22  
**Sister M. Severina Caron OSF '46** died 09/15/23  
**Theresa Ruddy Anlaug '48** died 07/09/22  
**Lorraine Martin Centofante '48** died 10/03/22  
**Madonna Leonard '48** died 08/25/23  
**Mona Branley Price '48** died 02/10/23  
**Georgia Ronan Crampton '49** died 03/25/23  
**Mary Zimmerman Mackey '49** died 05/03/23  
**Rita Madden Meier '49** died 05/21/23 *mother of Jeanne Meier Kramer '80*  
**Jean Rykhus Byron '50** died 06/04/22  
**Helen Byron Curran '50** died 05/18/23  
**Patricia Kelly Santelman '50** died 12/29/23 *sister of Janet Kelly Bohan '55*  
**Mary Agnes McClory Trauscht '50** died 02/06/23 *mother of Mary Pat Trauscht Jewison '74, Elizabeth Trauscht Laursen '78 & Suzanne Trauscht '80*  
**Ramona Kallal Boehler '51** died 06/05/23  
**Margaret Baskfield '52** died 03/29/22  
**Louise Swanson McClure '52** died 01/19/23  
**Priscilla Redington Sands '52** died 09/15/23  
**Betty Thesing Blaha '53** died 02/05/23  
**Janice Lampe McVicar '53** died 03/24/22  
**Delores Hacker Wolf '53** died 05/16/22  
**Sister Sean Clinch OSF '54** died 04/07/23  
**Jean Atwood Raz '54** died 12/30/23  
**Mary Hlinak Aranyosi '55** died 11/19/23  
**Jane Ritter Beaty '55** died 04/15/22  
**Rita Waldron Vos '55** died 07/26/23  
**Patricia Peterson Ackerman '56** died 03/15/22  
**Kay Eleanor Kinzie '56** died 03/31/23  
**Frances Kaukini Austria '57** died 04/03/22  
**Sister Rogene Fox OSF '58** died 04/16/23  
**Sister Agnes Malone OSF '58** died 06/13/23  
**Beverly Goetz Ring '58** died 09/26/22  
**Janet Morrissey Schafer '58** died 07/01/22  
**Sister Lauren Weinandt OSF '58** died 07/32/23  
**Diane Ahlese Drake '59** died 08/23/22  
**Elizabeth Larkin Engelking '59** died 04/20/22  
**Carol Junion Jones '59** died 08/09/23 *sister of Joyce Junion Barina '53, Nancy Junion '56 (dec) & Lynne Junion Frits '66*  
**Barbara Wagner Burke '60** died 12/20/23  
**Mary Clare Francis Holmes '60** died 09/05/23  
**Emily Jatis '60** died 06/13/22  
**Barbara Quigley Keller '60** died 03/12/23  
**Sister Una Omeara OSF '60** died 12/07/23  
**Mary Campion '61** died 12/17/23 *sister of Jane Campion '55*  
**Georgia Carroll Hawes '61** died 07/20/22  
**Sister Helen Haag OSF '62** died 08/12/23  
**Sister Mary Patricia Smith OSF '62** died 08/15/23  
**Bridget Doyle '63** died 08/10/23  
**Mary Kay Fallon Sieve '63** died 05/09/22  
**Sister Mary Ann Snyder OSF '63** died 12/18/23  
**Sister Mary Esch OSF '64** died 04/06/23  
**Kiernan McGrann Rozum '64** died 02/28/23  
**Patricia O'Brien Chenier '65** died 01/25/23  
**Shannon Quinn Hanzel '65** died 04/06/23  
**Jean Loftus Hobbs '65** died 12/19/23  
**Mary Glynn OSF '66** died 07/13/23  
**Marlys Vanhove Kellogg '66** died 05/15/22

**Regina McNearney '66** died 11/10/21  
**Mary Caturia Jennings '67** died 03/19/22  
**Gail Hebig Kinsey '67** died 07/28/23  
**Jacqueline Swartz McNamara '67** died 02/23/23  
**Gayle Newcomb Mead '67** died 10/27/22  
**Mary Ellen Mullin Boesch '68** died 06/02/23  
**Jeanette Garvey '68** died 11/15/22  
**Antonia Ill '68** died 09/24/23  
**Lindalee Doughty Lubach '68** died 08/29/22  
**Lila Kreibich Van Cuyk '68** died 10/08/23  
**Timmie Harrington Baird '69** died 10/24/23  
**Susan Johnson '69** died 06/15/23  
**Teresa Kuhl '70** died 01/21/14  
**Sister Valerie Usher OSF '70** died 07/22/23  
**Maribeth Hladis Casey '71** died 08/17/23  
**Kay Frances Wagner OSF '72** died 05/28/23  
**Barbara Broucek Lesh '73** died 12/13/20  
**Laurie Baukol Mellem '74** died 04/20/23  
**Jan Voshart '78** died 06/08/22  
**Catherine Matthews '82** died 07/23/22  
**Beth George Sanderfoot '82** died 07/26/23  
**Angie Bork AM** died 03/11/22  
**Pat Pomeroy Knee AM** died 10/26/23 *mother of Lisa Knee Gaede '89*  
**Sister Neal Logan OSF AM** died 06/12/23

***Teresan Family Member Deaths***  
*May your Teresan family members Rest in Peace*

**Capt Eugene Dahm** died 09/01/23 *son of Grace Gremelsbach Backus '28, brother of Eleanor Dahm Sansoni '61 & Mary Dahm O'Hare '67*  
**Mary "Jean" Zamboni** died 06/11/23 *twin sister of Sister Edith Zamboni OSF '50*  
**Jerry Barina** died 06/19/23 *husband of Joyce Junion Barina '53*  
**James Baird** died 1/27/23 *husband of Timmie Harrington Baird '59*

**Larry Gorrilla** died 03/20/23 *cousin of Mary Jane Lynch Moore '62*  
**Arlon Sieve** died 06/17/22 *husband of Mary Kay Fallon Sieve '63*  
**David Jardine** died 07/23/23 *husband of Judith Steinbauer Jardine '65*  
**Mary Luther** died 6/11/23 *sister of Donna Frey '68 & Mollie Frey Sherry '58*  
**Eugene Downs** died 07/13/23 *husband of Patricia Reuters Downs '68*  
**James Heffernan** died 08/31/23 *husband of Linda Freidheim Heffernan '68*  
**Timothy Padden** died 03/26/23 *husband of Barbara Reisinger Padden '69*  
**Wendell Meyer** died 12/13/23 *husband of Theresa Cunningham Meyer '77*  
**Clayton Pytleski** died 07/15/23 *father of Lori Pytleski Nicklay '79*  
**MaryJane Reddy** died 06/08/23 *mother of Pat Reddy '79*  
**Darlene Corrigan** died 04/26/23 *mother of Terri Becker Sim '80*  
**Jeffrey Weikum** died 01/17/23 *husband of Laura Standing Weikum '82*  
**Frank Ziegler** died 12/06/23 *husband of Desiree Rocheford Ziegler '84*  
**Ruth Wurzburger** died 11/28/23 *mother of Sheryl Wurzburger Delke '86*  
**Ben Henrich** died 09/23/23 *brother of Janice Henrich Wagner '89*  
**Anna Mae Sellner** died 05/13/23 *mother of Laura Sellner Watters '89*

**Vollie Grover** died 01/20/23 *mother-in-law of Pamela Taylor Grover '90*  
**Paul Skarstad** died 09/26/23 *brother of Ingrid Skarstad Williams '90*  
**Philip Watkins Jr** died 08/11/23 *husband of Catherine Watkins AM*



# Celebrating 2023 Teresan Scholarship Recipients

## STEEL LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

<b>UNDERGRADUATE</b>	<b>SPONSORED BY</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
CORBIN ANDOW	LORI PYTLESKI NICKLAY	1979
JONATHON APPENFELDT	CONNIE SCHEID CAINE	1982
SHANNON ARTMAN	GEORGANNE SCHROFF ARTMAN	1962
GRACE BUNTROCK	KAREN BYRON PATHOULAS	1981
SAMUEL DEWEY	MARY ELLEN FUNDA DEWEY	1969
BENJAMIN DEWEY	MARY ELLEN FUNDA DEWEY	1969
JOSEPH FELDKAMP	BARBARA SNYDER HUTCHINS	1972
MATTHEW FELDKAMP	KAREL MILLER NORTON	1969
ALISON FRENCH	ROSE ABTS CURRIE	1965
ANNALISE FRODERMANN	MIDGE RICHMOND HUDRLIK	1968
CLARE GALLAHUE	NANCY FULLERTON FLOOD	1955
OLIVIA GARDNER	MARY LILLA KLEINSCHMIDT	1965
EMMIE GUMAEIUS	SHARON KAUFMAN AHERN	1972
ELIZABETH HALL	TRICIA KLOECKL	1989
EVAN HALPIN	BONNIE TREND A BECKMAN	1960
BROCK HERCZEG	AMY RUBIE	AM
EMMIE HINNENKAMP	SHARON WOLFF	1980
EVELYN HUDRLIK	MIDGE RICHMOND HUDRLIK	1968
SYDNEY JACKMAN	MONICA NIERLING LEUPOLD	1961
ALAINA JESH	ANNETTE BEHNEN JESH	1968
GRACE JOHNSON	KATHRYN SCANLON REMOLD	1988
ELIZABETH KAARI	JUDITH BROM CUNNINGHAM	1962
KENDRA KLOBE	BETTY FORD	1975
ELIZABETH KNUEPPEL	CONNIE SCHEID CAINE	1982
SOPHIE KOLARS	CAROL SWANSON	1978
BRYAN LANAHAN	ELEANOR DAHM SANSONI	1961
JULIA LANDMESSER	TRISHA KENNEDY MENONI	1969
CLARE LAU	MARGARET CONNERTY-LAU	1987
MAX LAU	MARGARET CONNERTY-LAU	1987
HANNAH LUTGEN	MERCEDES BRABENDER MCGOWEN	1961
JAIN E MELONE	SUSAN ENGEMANN MILLER	1965
MEGAN MORGAN	JO SUILMAN STEJSKAL	1972
SOPHIA MORRI	KATHLEEN OHARA	1971
OLIVIA NISBIT	AMY RUBIE	AM
DELANEY NORMAN	SHARON WOLFF	1980
SARAH OSBORNE	COLLEEN OSBORNE	1974
ANNIKA PARRY	JANE CALLAGHAN PEDERSON	1970
JACOB PHILLIPS	CECIL OLSON KELLER	1966
ANNA PIECHOWSKI	ANN PATTERSON GIBSON	1969
ELLEN ROHDE	VIRGINIA MCCORMACK BRANDES	1967
MARY ROW	BERNIE WUSSLER FOX	1955
SIERRA RUECHEL	MARY SIRIAN PETERSON	1988
MAREN RYAN	LYNN NETTIFEE	1984

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2,364 Scholars—\$2,507,015 Awarded!**

## Celebrating 2023 Teresan Scholarship Recipients

ELLEN SILGEN	KAREN HIGGINS JONES	1982
BOBBY SKEMP	HELEN SKEMP ROOP	1985
WILLIAM SMITH	SUSAN SAEHLER SMITH	1988
LUCIA SMITH	SUSAN SAEHLER SMITH	1988
ANTONIA SMITH	SUSAN SAEHLER SMITH	1988
NICOLE SPARTZ	MARIANNE EWING TEXLEY	1976
ALICE SPONG	KATIE DREW SPONG	1965
ALLY STARKS	CHRIS PATZNER	1990
LEONA STASTNY	COLLEEN KOCER PEPLINSKI	1987
JULIANA STOKMAN	DAWN JECH NORRIS	1982
MONICA STOKMAN	CATHY JEDLICKA STANDISH	1982
JOSANNE TEMPEL	MARY SIRIAN PETERSON	1988
LILLY WILLFAHRT	CONNIE SCHEID CAINE	1982
OWEN WINECOFF	KATHY M MCKAY	1965
<b>GRADUATE</b>	<b>SPONSORED BY</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
ASHLEY LAMBERT BANTA	KRISTIN THIELE HOLIEN	1986
EMILY BOETTGER	AMY RUBIE	AM
CLARE BUNTROCK	KAREN BYRON PATHOULAS	1981
JULIA BUNTROCK	KAREN BYRON PATHOULAS	1981
CATHERINE CHAVEZ	MARGARET FROELICH EDWARDS	1971
MICHAEL CONROY	MAUREEN COLEMAN KELLY	1976
BENJAMIN COOK	SHARON KAUFMAN AHERN	1972
ANNE DALY	CHARITY ROWAN FLOEN	1981
BRITTANY HARTFORD DONNELLY	MARY TACHENY	1981
ELIZABETH ELLMAN	JOANNE MURPHY WARD	1986
BENJAMIN FORTUN	LORI JEDLICKA JUNGBAUER	1976
BRITNEY FRET LAND	LYNAE FRET LAND SOLBERG	1990
ELIZABETH HERMODSON-OLSEN	ROSINE HERMODSON-OLSEN	1983
MARY HOANG	MARY SIRIAN PETERSON	1988
OLYVIA HORSMAN	MARY SIRIAN PETERSON	1988
KRISTA HOVLAND	VIVIAN GERNES HOVLAND	1981
SARAH JENSEN	DONNA MURPHY MILLER	1960
LYNETTE JOHNSON	COLLEEN KOCER PEPLINSKI	1987
BRIANNA JANICKI	JOAN PICCOLI TOMKOWIAK	1977
BRIDGET KAARI	JUDITH BROM CUNNINGHAM	1962
KAYLA KACZOROWSKI	SUSAN TYLER STUMPF	1965
MICHELLE KANE	CONNIE LOWE LEITNER	1974
BRIDGET KRUMHOLZ	LADONNA BUKER KIESNER	1959
GABRIEL LEPAK	CONNIE SCHEID CAINE	1982
KELLY MCGOWEN	MERCEDES BRABENDER MCGOWEN	1961
MITCHELL OLSON	MEGAN BATTERMAN OLSON	1990
JOSEPH PATHOULAS	KAREN BYRON PATHOULAS	1981
CHRISTOPHER PATHOULAS	KAREN BYRON PATHOULAS	1981
NICHOLAS PATHOULAS	KAREN BYRON PATHOULAS	1981

# Celebrating 2023 Teresan Scholarship Recipients

## **TERESAN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

COY PEDERSON	JANANN SNIDER GILBERTSON	1991
JOHN PRYME	CONNIE SCHEID CAINE	1982
LAUREN RENK	COLLEEN KOCER PEPLINSKI	1987
JAMES RICHIE	LINDA BROWN RICHIE	1989
SYDNEY RICHTER	SISTER MARY CATHERINE HOLICKY OSB	1977
KUMAIL RIZVI	MARGARET FROELICH EDWARDS	1971
ASIM RIZVI	MARGARET FROELICH EDWARDS	1971
V QUINN SCHULTZ	SHERRY F STOSKOPF	1980
ANDREA SPELTZ	MAUREEN SALMON SPELTZ	1972
MADHU SRIKANTHA	LORI JEDLICKA JUNGBAUER	1976
EMILY THALMANN	BETTY FORD	1975
MELISSA TOVAR-GUERRERO	SISTER HELEN ROLFSON OSF	1962
EMIRA MARCELA VARGAS MORENO	SISTER TIERNEY TRUEMAN OSF	1972
PATRICIA WARD-MONTOYA	JOANNE MURPHY WARD	1986
EMILY WISSINK	VIVIAN GERNES HOVLAND	1981
MORGAN WITTKOWSKE	LOIS AHERN	1971
GRIFFIN WOLNER	AMY RUBIE	AM
KRISTIN WEFEL ZELAZNY	SHARON KAUFMAN AHERN	1972

<b>TERESAN ENRICHMENT</b>	<b>YEAR</b>
CONNIE SCHEID CAINE	1982
ROSE CAMPANARO CARLSON	1987
SHERYL WURZBURGER DELKE	1986
BETTY FORD	1975
MARY FROHNAUER	1977
GEGE MCKAY HODGSON	1969
LUCY HAMILTON JOHNSON	1980
MARY KAY STEPANIK MCDERMOTT	1977
SISTER FRANCHON PIRKL OSF	1957
SISTER LALONDE RYAN OSF	1963
JO SUILMAN STEJSKAL	1972
MARY SUILMANN	1980
MARY TACHENY	1981
DEEDEE SCHUBERT VAN DYKE	1974

*Thank you for sponsoring these students  
for our Teresan Scholarship Fund.  
Keeping our Teresan legacy alive!*

# *A note of thanks... Teresan Scholarship Fund*

*Gratitude from some of our award recipients:*



*Dear Teresan Scholarship Fund Committee,*

*I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Ardis Steel Legacy Scholarship. Mrs. Steel's Teresan values were reflected through her dedication to serving multiple communities for God. The honor and responsibility of serving as her and your representative into the future is one I do not take lightly. Because of this considerate gift, I can continue to move forward, boldly saying yes to God, knowing that He will refine me and use me to build His community locally at Saint Scholastica as well as on my service trip to Mexico, my internship in Alaska, and other places He will send me.*

*Thank you for entrusting me to continue God's work through our hands.*

*Sincerely, Mitchell Olson (son of **Megan Batterman Olson '90**)*

*I have been thinking a lot about the legacy of CST since my granddaughter (Evelyn Rose Hudrlik) received the generous scholarship. I was thinking back to my mom (**Evelyn Coleman Richmond '29**) and myself (class of '68) and even my son, Dave (Evelyn's father), who was on the campus of CST one summer in high school for a writer's camp. I have three sons so that was the closest I could come to having a child attend St. Teresa's.*

*Yesterday we had a family barbecue and I shared my college photos with my two granddaughters who are headed off to college this week. There were lots of laughs like when I showed them the pictures of 1001 donuts and everyone in pajamas and curlers in their hair. They were impressed with all of the friends I gained, how I was in several of their weddings, and how I have traveled across the country to see many of them. They questioned me about the St. Mary's boy I went to dances with (who is not their grandfather), and they were the most impressed with one friend who was from Hong Kong (Carol Kim Osborne). She headed off to Hollywood after graduation, is married to an Academy Award winning producer and she has worked on such movies as Dick Tracy, China Moon and Matrix. They immediately looked her up on their phones.*

*I am grateful that my mom suggested that I attend St. Teresa's for a year, and thankful that my parents let me stay for four years. After graduation my mom and I could attend many CST functions together. She died in 1989 just before St. Teresa's closed; I never told her about that.*

*I am most thankful for all the chances I had to work with the CST alumnae - planning luncheons, serving as president of the Twin Cities chapter, serving on the board, serving as class chair and serving on the scholarship committee for twenty years. All of these experiences helped me gain many more friends. I will miss all of you.*

*Finally, thank you again, scholarship committee, for the generous scholarship for my granddaughter. I can't wait to see what she accomplishes.*

***Midge Richmond Hudrlik '68***



## ***Teresan Scholarship Selection Committee Kudos!***

Gratitude for the countless hours of reviewing the hundreds of applicants each of these devoted Teresans has covered each year, serving in total over 1,000 hours!

*Left to Right: Member, **Karen Machlica '77**, Chair - **Cathy Jedlicka Standish '82**, Members, **Sheryl Wurzbarger Delke '86**, **Mary Tacheny '81**, **Rose Campanaro Carlson '87**, **Midge Richmond Hudrlik '68** (not pictured: **Mariah Snyder '60**)*

# CST Tours Italy—Fall 2023

A group of 22 Teresans traveled to Italy on a Franciscan tour with Magi Travel Group. We landed in Rome and drove a few hours to the town of Assisi. In our five days there, we visited the important sites of St. Francis and St. Clare. These sites included the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and the little church of the "Porziuncola", where St. Francis consecrated St. Clare as the Bride of Christ and where he had the vision which inspired the Pardon of Assisi. We also visited the Basilica of St. Clare and the Basilica of St. Francis which was consecrated in 1253. We traveled to the top of Mount Subasio to visit the Carceri Hermitage, a sanctuary in the woods that evolved around the cave chosen by Francis for prayer and retreat. We actually saw where St. Francis slept, on the hard rock floor of the cave, one of the most moving experiences of our time in Assisi. Later, we enjoyed an excursion to a winery in Montefalco, where we visited the wine cellars and enjoyed tastings of their famous "Sagrantino" wine, one of the best Italian red wines.

Our group spent a day traveling to the town of Siena. Siena is the birthplace of St. Catherine and we visited the church where some of her relics are held, built in the early to mid-1200's. We also toured the Siena Cathedral, also built in the 1200's. It is known for its beautiful marble floors and masterpieces by Michelangelo, Donatello and Bernini. We enjoyed lunch in Siena, many of us dining right on the famous shell-shaped Piazza del Campo.

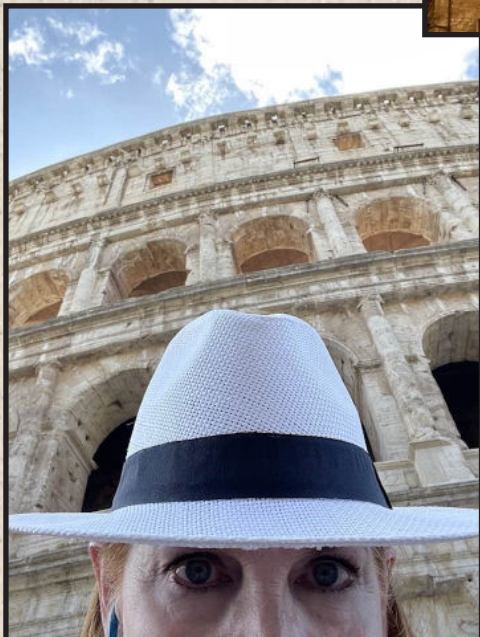
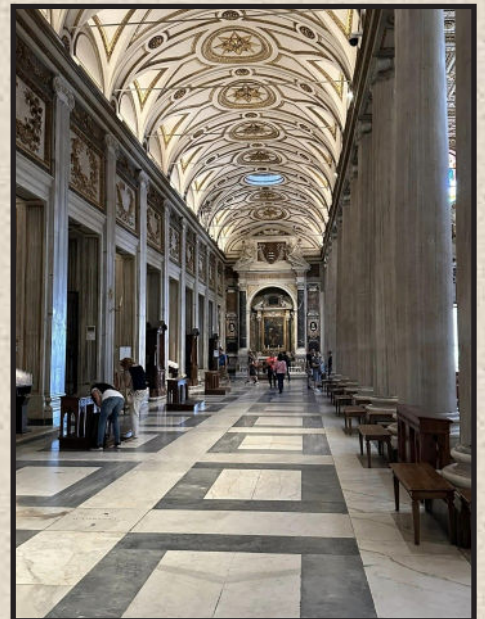
We left Assisi on a Sunday morning, traveling through the Sabina region, a land of olive groves and hilltop villages. Our group attended mass at the ancient Sanctuary of Vescovio, surrounded by Roman ruins. We then headed to a nearby farm for a pasta making class followed by a delicious lunch of local specialties.

Once we arrived in Rome, we saw so many of the famous sites of which there are many! We had a guided tour of ancient Rome, including the Colosseum and the Roman Forum, and then a tour of St. Peter's Basilica. Other sites we visited in Rome included the Castel Gandolfo, the Apostolic Palace which was the former summer residence of the popes, recently opened to visitors by Pope Francis. One evening, we had a private tour of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. This was a highlight that none of us expected and was unforgettable! Then we dined in the courtyard of the Vatican!

Our tour guide, Loredana, was amazing, and one of her amazing feats was getting us a front row seat at the Papal Audience with Pope Francis. When he was driven around the plaza, we were within a few feet of him. It was such a moving experience! Later that day, we visited the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain, and the Pantheon. At the end of the busy day of touring, Magi surprised us with a cocktail party overlooking the Piazza Navona. On our last day, we had time to visit other areas in Rome on our own, and then had a farewell dinner together in the Trastevere Quarter.

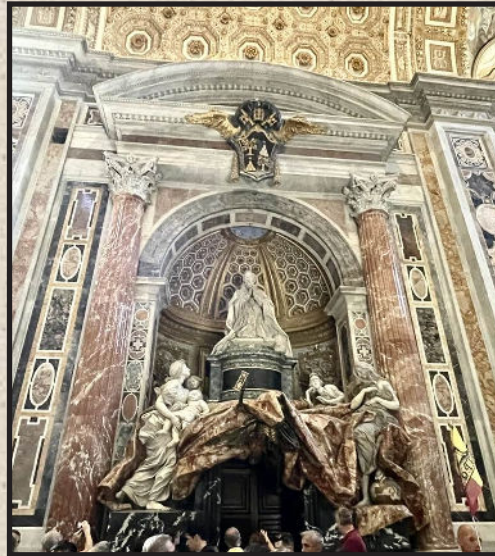
I think I speak for everyone in our tour group - we had an amazing time together, with lots of laughs and shared experiences that we will never forget!

# *CST ITALY TRIP - by Mary Suilmann '80*



# CST ITALY TRIP







# *CST Chapter Gatherings 2023*

## *Twin Cities Summer Picnic—July*



*L to R: Susan McKeivitt '75, Kathleen Desmond Short '75, Mary Sumpmann '75, Betty Ford '75, Chris Nottoli-Caple '75*



*Colleen Kocer Peplinski '87 chatting with Michelle Haas Bailey '63*

## ***ARIZONA GATHERING***

Our final event in Green Valley was held February 2023 at Kathy Shurson's home, hosted by **Addy Radechel Murtaugh '51**. Colleen provided an update from the Alumnae Office and encouraged us all to attend the grand finale at the **All-School Reunion June 6-9, 2024.**

*Some attendees pictured here, L to R: Margaret Moran Kiszonas '92, Bea Neurauter Morneau '69, Addy Radechel Murtaugh '51, Jean Doré Mills '61, Diane Sudar Higgins '69, Mary Forestell Doucette '69, Mary Lou Lawinger Oliveri '69, and Colleen Kocer Peplinski '87, our Executive Director.*



# Cotter Schools Update

by *Mike Swenson, VP of Advancement Cotter Schools*

## We are truly blessed at Cotter Schools!

This fall students in kindergarten through sixth grade started the school year in the brand new St. Luke Hall, a beautiful building filled with natural light and state of the art classrooms. St. Luke Hall was created by remodeling Loretto Hall and adding a large classroom wing and gymnasium. Loretto Hall had recently been used as a residence hall for Cotter's boarding students. Now, a new residence hall for the boarding students is attached to St. Joseph Hall, the high school building formerly known as Roger Bacon. St. Luke Hall is larger than the former elementary school, St. Stanislaus, and houses nearly 500 students from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The new building will enable Cotter to continue to grow the elementary school, with four classrooms for each grade. We pray this wonderful space will invite new families to join our Catholic educational community.



**Elementary students outside the new St. Luke Hall -  
Fall 2023**

Cotter Schools' One Campus Vision is moving forward as construction of St. Nicholas Hall is nearing completion. Opening in June 2024, the new early childhood learning center will include expansion of the EduCare and Preschool programs that were housed in the St. Mary's building and Cotter Schools will begin offering infant care.

St. Nicholas Hall is the result of a major remodeling of the Tau Center. The new facility will provide capacity for 250 students, an increase of nearly two-thirds. The energy-efficient and secure building boasts numerous exciting attributes, encompassing a new cafeteria, three fenced-in playgrounds, and a designated "Natural State Playground," along with a new library. The Rotunda is undergoing transformation into a spacious large motor area that can be partitioned into two separate spaces or opened for assemblies and para-liturgies. Additionally, an outdoor garden space will be visible through expansive windows near the entrance lobby.

Once open, students aged six weeks through twelfth grade will all be served on one campus, the former College of Saint Teresa campus.

*St. Nicholas was the name chosen for the new early childhood learning center because*

his story inspires us to use our lives in *service* of others. The Bishop of Myra in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, St. Nicholas is a role model for all of us teaching us to stand up for what is right and to be kind to all people. The name will remind us of God's love for all children and encourage us to raise them with deep faith and a lifelong heart for charity.



**St. Luke Hall students gathered in the  
new gym for an Advent prayer service.**

Another exciting development this year is that the Minnesota Conservatory of the Arts (MCA) has been acquired by Cotter Schools. (*Teresans would remember the MCA building to be the old Power Plant/dance studio.*) For 50 years, MCA has been providing opportunities in performing and visual arts. Moving forward, MCA will continue to offer excellent arts programming for the community and provide new classes and activities for Cotter students. Many elementary students in St. Luke Hall are already enjoying new afterschool arts programming right on the Cotter campus.



**Left: Turning Tau Center into St. Nicholas Hall, an early childhood learning center.**



**Students celebrating the move of all Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to the St. Teresa's Campus.**

Cotter Schools is continuing *the tradition of academic excellence and commitment to service* on the St. Teresa Campus. **As the Alumnae Association of the College of Saint Teresa prepares to close, Cotter Schools wishes to assure CST alumnae that they will always be WELCOME ON CAMPUS. Call today for a tour!**

**Cotter Schools \* 507-453-5000 \* [www.cotterschools.org](http://www.cotterschools.org)**

## The Impact of Teresans

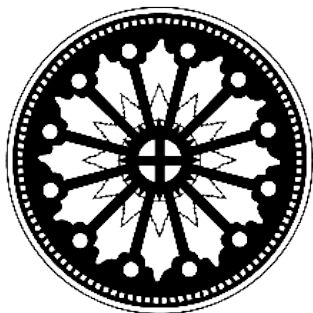


Patricia Kelly Santelman '50



Bridget Doyle '63

Our CST Alumnae Association would not have thrived without the generosity of so many Teresans, including both Pat and Bridget over the years. Their contributions to further our mission and keep the Teresan spirit alive was invaluable. We lost these two fine Teresans this year, so it's *up to us* to continue our legacy, and flourish beyond the buildings!



***SAVE THE DATE!***

**JUNE 6-9, 2024**

**ALL-SCHOOL REUNION**

***Early Bird Registrations Due: February 28th***

***REGISTER TODAY: [www.cstalums.org](http://www.cstalums.org)***

### **LOURDES HALL TOUR Fall 2023**

Winona State University hosted a tour of Lourdes Hall for Alumni (both CST & WSU) on September 30, 2023. Several of our CST Alumnae joined the tour and posted pictures on Facebook. We are sure everyone remembers the pool area and the beautiful lunch room, as well as the many fond memories of the courtyard, the nostalgic lounges, and of course, the 4th floor smoker!

Enjoy a walk down memory lane June 6-9, 2024.

***Join us this summer for a campus tour!***

