Together, we make God’s goodness known in our world...

Notre Dame AmeriCorps
After sixteen years as a dedicated Bay Area Director of AmeriCorps in California, Pat McCormick has passed the torch to former volunteer Natalie Reina.

Santa Barbara Centennial Celebration
Notre Dame School, Santa Barbara, honored former principal, Sr. Judith Flahavan, at their 100-year celebration. Dolores and Our Lady of Guadalupe Schools merged in 1974 to become Notre Dame School.

ND School Leaders from East to West
Administrators of Notre Dame schools and colleges from across the U.S. energized one another at this year’s summer gathering at Notre Dame High School, Belmont.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

They are the educational leaders for more than 13,000 students who are educated in Notre Dame schools and colleges in the U.S. Additionally, many adults and young people benefit from Notre Dame Learning Centers in Massachusetts. Many more thousands are educated in schools founded by or formerly staffed by Sisters of Notre Dame.
and help others experience that goodness in their lives.

Well-Deserved Papal Award for California SND

Sister Caroline Sanchez received the “Benemerenti Medal” from Archbishop Jose Gomez for her outstanding service to the Church in Los Angeles and especially to the St. Columbkille parish community where she, herself, attended school.

SNDs Provide Health Care in Peru

Sr. Juana Rivera and other SNDs provide care at a health center in Peru. This year, floods devastated crops, roads and homes, bringing even more patients to them from the surrounding area.

Sister Schools United by St. Julie

Notre Dame High School, San Jose, welcomed Notre Dame Seishin (Immaculate Heart) Junior and Senior High School students from Kurashiki, Japan. Each year, students from the two schools interact with one another, sharing experiences and cultures.
Welcoming New African SNDs

We rejoice with the seven young women who made their first vows as Sisters of Notre Dame in the Congo-Kinshasa Unit!

Education, Hope and Peace—It IS Possible!

The Solidarity Teacher Training College in South Sudan, where California Sister Carolyn Buhs serves as librarian and instructor, was recently honored by a substantial contribution made by Pope Francis. He wanted to acknowledge the important educational work that the college-provides in this desperately poor, war-torn country.
Dear Notre Dame Friends and Benefactors,

It is “With Gratitude” that we share with you this Annual Report. Your support truly does extend St. Julie Billiart’s desire to make God’s goodness known so that others might experience it in their lives.

All of the names in the donor list speak of your contributions to the great Notre Dame work to which we have all been called. We are honored by your partnership with us.

Celebrating with the Sister Jubilarians and highlighting them in the Annual Report is always a joy for me; they are wonderfully diverse in their commitments! And, to echo Sr. Teresita’s words to the families, friends and benefactors gathered for the Jubilee liturgy: “We thank all of you (our equally diverse and generous donors!) who journey and minister with them.”

With prayers and deep appreciation for you,

[Signature]

Development Director
On behalf of the Sisters

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Development Income Report
September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017
$1,304,800

Sources of Development Income:
Friends have supported the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur with

◊ Legacy Gifts – remembering the Sisters in their wills & trusts.
◊ Christmas gifts.
◊ Memorial and Tribute gifts.
◊ Parish mission contributions.
◊ Gifts in honor of Sister Jubilarians.
◊ Giving Tuesday gifts.
◊ many thoughtful and generous surprises.

Designations of Development Income:
Annual contributions and Bequests were designated for

◊ Wherever most needed.
◊ The needs of the Retired Sisters
◊ The Jubilee Fund: Sisters & ministries in Africa & Latin America.
◊ Ministries with the poor in the U.S.

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Sr. Mary Laxague, Drew Henry, and Jennifer Khoury attend a reception and in-service for ND school and college Board Members in California. Sr. Maria Delaney (2nd from left) represented the SND Office of Mission Integration.
“You, our 2017 Jubilarians, are a visible manifestation of God’s love and grace. In thanksgiving with all who have been touched by your years of consecrated vowed life, we sing with you: ‘Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.’”

–Sr. Teresita Weind, Congregational Leader

70 Years of Service

Sister Barbara Ann Kavanaugh

“The wedding feast at Cana – such an example of God’s goodness...and in goodness and friendship, the water became wine.”

– John 2

Family, friends, community, celebrations, parties and dancing are life-giving for Sr. Barbara. Stories abound among her former students about her thirty-three years of teaching in Notre Dame elementary schools. For thirty more years, she served in the Province Finance Office. An NDSF graduate herself, she delights in moderating the Notre Dame San Francisco Alumnae Association.

“She was without doubt, my very favorite teacher ... and she continues to influence me to this day.”

– Pegi Shenk Chesney

Sister Dolores (Joseph) Steiner

“God is good, always!”

– St. Julie Billiart

Inspired by St. Julie’s words and by the Sisters who taught her in Watsonville, Sr. Dolores spent 30 years teaching primary grade children in California, Seattle and Hawaii – then, happily, was able to pursue her desire to serve in Alaska. For ten years she formed deep connections with the Native people, even participating in the Athabascan traditional Stick Dance, an honor rarely bestowed on a non-Native person. Now at Mercy Center, Sr. Dodi still shares her artistic gifts with residents and staff alike.

“Sr. Dolores is one of the most active, giving ladies I have ever known... and truly a woman of great faith.”

– Barbara Najera, Santa Barbara
Sister Jeanette (Marie Pierre) Braun

“Remember always to welcome the stranger, for by doing this, some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

-Hebrews 13:2

Sr. Jeanette’s spirit of welcome and hospitality is woven through her years as a classroom teacher, a television producer, an assistant to families seeking political asylum and a coordinator of Notre Dame AmeriCorps. For ten years she also served as co-coordinator of Notre Dame Associates. As the welcoming Director of the “Table of Plenty” in Half Moon Bay, she is inspired both by the volunteer servers and food providers, and by those being served.

“Jeanette loves beauty in all its forms and has a deep capacity for empathy.”

-Rachael Bertone

Sister Marie Annette Burkart

“For all that has been, thanks! For all that shall be, yes!”

-Dag Hammarskjold

Music as prayer has been integral to Sr. Annette’s work as a teacher, and as a liturgist, vocation minister, chaplain, spiritual director and activist. She helped to secure the City of Fremont’s title of “Compassionate City,” and continues to be active with Interfaith Women of Peace in Fremont, Newark and Union City. Her liturgical and musical gifts are greatly appreciated by the Sisters at Mercy Retirement and Care Center and at the Province Center in Belmont.

“Sr. Annette has a particular gift for celebrating her Catholic faith while reaching out to people of all different faiths.”

-Margery Leonard

For more in-depth information about our Jubilarians, visit www.snddenca.org/annualreport
Sister Nena (Giovannina) Fazio

“Whoever receives one child in my name receives me.”

–Matthew 18: 4-5

Sr. Nena was blessed by being part of a large Italian family. She was a gifted teacher of young children in Notre Dame schools before becoming a pastoral associate, serving in Paradise, Gridley, Oroville, Redwood City and Stockton. She founded the Bethsaida Family Living Home in Redwood City to assist homeless, abused and immigrant women and children. Cooking, tending the community garden, helping with NDameriCorps, and attending NDNU campus events have been mutually enriching for Sr. Nena.

“We valued her warm and welcoming participation in activities at the Sr. Dorothy Stang Center. She helped students to connect with the legacy of Notre Dame and of Sr. Dorothy.”

–Jim McGarry

Sister Claudia McTaggart

“Let us do what the good God shows us – moment by moment.”

–St. Julie

Sr. Claudia has served in California and Washington as a teacher, pastoral minister and counselor. As a member of the province leadership team, she was especially helpful with the major changes involved in moving health care from the Saratoga Infirmary to Belmont and Mercy Retirement Center. Assisting at Cristo Rey High School in Sacramento deepened her awareness of the challenges many young people face in getting an education. She focuses now on human trafficking and immigration issues.

“... an astonishingly gifted woman, she has the ability to be present to people in their needs, to see hope where sometimes it is very dark. . . .”

–Rev. Paul Fitterer, S.J.

Sister Jeanne (Marguerite) Sullivan

“Be very attentive to the inner voice of grace. It will never be absent.”

–St. Julie

Soon after entering the convent, Sr. Jeanne's teaching abilities were put to use in the Education and Admissions Departments at College of Notre Dame and later, in provincial administration, in formation, pastoral ministry and spiritual direction. Her favorite assignment was her eleven year ministry at Washington Hospital in Fremont, where she served as its first chaplain. The spirituality and courage of patients and families in crisis inspired her then and were models for the time she needed care, herself, at Mercy Retirement Center.

“In a hospital where the medical staff and patients included Christian and other faiths, Western and Middle Eastern cultures, she showed a great respect for all, and was willing to learn.”

–Dolly Nicholas, R.N.
Sister Barbara (Andrea) Thiella

“Be aware of my presence, my concerns, and my willingness to inspire and instruct you.”
- Wisdom 6:12

After years of teaching English, Religious Studies, and serving in high school administration, Sr. Barbara served as Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of Oakland. She recently retired, after 17 years, from her job as Chancellor of the Stockton Diocese. Besides reaching out to individuals and influencing positive change at a systemic level, Sr. Barbara has also led retreats and days of reflection, sharing her own deep spirituality with many in the diocese.

“She brings the wisdom of experience in leadership, the grace of a warm and caring heart, and a determination to carry out her work with excellence.”
- Bishop Stephen Blaire, Diocese of Stockton

Sister Terry Davis

“Glory be to him whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask for or imagine.”
- Ephesians 3:20-21

Inheriting her artistic abilities and passions from her father, Sr. Terry has used her talents in teaching high school students, in church design and in creating many beautiful pieces of photographic and digital art. For the past 13 years, she was Director of Communications for the Diocese of Stockton. Her six years of service on the Congregational Leadership Team inspired her as she met SNDs in desperately poor areas of the Notre Dame world who served with joy and commitment.

“Sr. Terry possesses an abundance of gifts. What may be less obvious is the diversity of roles she has undertaken to utilize such talents. Her ability to design has always led to a product of genuine service for others.”
- Monsignor Patrick Browne

The 2017 Jubilarians prepare to renew their vows on August 6, in Cunningham Chapel on the NDNU campus.
We are grateful to the following generous friends who have let us know that they are remembering the Sisters of Notre Dame in their estate plans. These legacies will ensure the continuing work of the Sisters and the care of our elderly and infirm Sisters.

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What a difference a day makes!

Where there were none, there are now 7 primary schools and 6 preschools in rural mountain areas of Nicaragua!

Thanks to the generosity of last year’s Giving Tuesday, Sisters and Donors were able to send nearly $34,000 to help build these schools and bring hopes for a better future to the parents and children who will benefit from them.

The names of these generous contributors to Giving Tuesday 2016 are marked with a ♥.

Please join us on November 28 for Giving Tuesday 2017 to contribute to the work of other Sisters of Notre Dame working in very poor areas of Africa and Latin America

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Eighth-graders at Notre Dame Elementary (NDE) in Belmont collect donations for the food pantry at St. Vincent de Paul. In 2017, NDE received the Ozanam School Award, for their ongoing service efforts.

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St. Augustine Church, South San Francisco
St. Joseph Church, Long Beach
St. Julie Billiart Church, Newbury Park
St. Kevin Church, Los Angeles
St. Patrick Church, Sonora
Sr. Thomas Aquinas Church, Palo Alto

Sr. Mary Ellen Howard is one of several Sisters and Associates who speak in churches to share their enthusiasm about Notre Dame’s work in Africa and Latin America. This young parishioner wanted her picture taken with the first “real Sister” she had ever met. Sr. Mary Ellen served in Kenya for many years.

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– Saint Julie Billiart

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