Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, California Province

Moves, Milestones & New Ventures

2000-2005

2000
Sisters of Notre Dame join the United Nations as an NGO (non-government organization). Sr. Joan Burke serves as the first SND representative.

2001
Notre Dame in California – 150 Years!

Sr. Agnes Jerome Murphy’s day care “of last resort” continues to flourish. Started in 1965, the Special Education Center of Hawaii assists severely handicapped children and adults as well as seniors with dementia. This year a new center opens.

2003
The Sisters move from the beloved Saratoga property—used for over a century as the Province Center, formation house and infirmary. Thanks to its sale, and support from generous benefactors, a new Province Center is built in Belmont for “retired” Sisters and province staff. The photo below includes the first Sisters to live in the Province Center along with staff, architects and builders.

"A blessing of thanks for all that has been. A blessing of YES for all that will be."

2005
Sr. Dorothy Stang is murdered in Brazil for her work protecting and supporting the rights of indigenous people and the rainforest. “We have not buried her — we have planted her.”

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