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SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR

together making a difference



Dear Friend,

During this week when we celebrate Independence Day, we do well to reflect on the values on which our democracy is based.

We also honor a faithful Notre Dame alumna, Katie O'Leary.

With prayers from the Sisters for you and our country...Happy 4th of July!

Monica

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Development Director



Sisters Caroline Sanchez and Nancy Uhl joined in the Keep Families Together March in Los Angeles this past weekend.

Sisters stand with families

The separation of families seeking asylum in the US as they flee untenable situations in their native countries calls us to put our values into action to protest current anti-immigrant policies.

Many Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur joined in marches and rallies throughout the country to stand with and for the children and families who have been separated from one another at the border with Mexico.

Earlier this year, a number of Sisters, including Judy Flahavan, Susan Olson and Jacinta Martinez spent time at the Texas-Mexico border, helping women from Central America prepare for their interviews with immigration officials.

"Listening to the stories of so much trauma, terror and suffering and the arduous travel to the border of the United States, we were constantly reminded of how much we take for granted about our own security and care," they reported.

Last month, Bishop Patrick McGrath of the Diocese of San Jose wrote about this tragic situation, saying : "We support Church efforts to keep families together and to reunite those that have been separated... and let us treat with compassion those who today knock on the doors of our hearts."

“Notre Dame...may we faithful be...”

For more than 25 years, **Katie O’Leary** was president of the Notre Dame San Francisco Alumnae Association.

No one could have been more enthusiastic or more faithful about enlisting alumnae support over those years -- planning annual reunions, honoring milestone celebrations, and generously supporting the elderly and retired Sisters of Notre Dame.

The Sisters pray that St. Julie is warmly welcoming Katie, and God is drawing the circle of her generous giving back to her in blessings a hundredfold.

[Read Katie's obituary here.](#)

A Celebration of Life will be held **Saturday July 7, 2018 at 11am at St. Brendan Church**, 29 Rockaway Ave., San Francisco.



Katie O'Leary
August 30, 1952 – June 14, 2018

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