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hearts wide as the world: together making a difference



Greetings!

Here in California, we've been inundated with rain this month (In stark contrast to recent years!), but are enjoying the glowing green growth at the Province Center, and on the Notre Dame elementary, high school and university campuses.

With gratitude for your interest and support, we share with you both hopeful and challenging news from Belmont to South Sudan.

Monica

Monica May
Development Director



Sr. Judy receives a group hug from kindergartners.

Sr. Judy concluded her remarks at the gala with this prayer:

"Glory be to the One whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine."

Thanks for a job very well done

Sr. Judy Flahaven was recently honored at [Notre Dame Santa Barbara School's](#) 30th annual fundraising gala. Throughout her career, Sr. Judy has been a valued teacher and administrator at Notre Dame schools, many in the most marginalized communities.

Family and friends attended the event, including NDSB former principals Sisters Ann Carmel Badalamente and Georgi Coonis, along with Sisters Phyllis D'Anna, Mary Ellen Howard, Susan Olson, Caroline Sanchez, Nancy Uhl and Virginia Unger.

Did you know? Founded in 1906, NDSB is now the *only* Catholic school in Santa Barbara.

Questions about religious life today?

Are you Interested in learning more, or do you know someone who might be discerning about her future? Catholic women ages 18–35 are invited for a panel, informal discussion and lunch here at the Province Center in Belmont. Sisters of Mercy and Mission San Jose Dominicans are joining with our Sisters of Notre Dame to

provide this opportunity to meet some Sisters, ask questions, and learn about ways to make a difference in today's church and world.

Date: Saturday, March 11, 2017

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: SND Province Center, 1520 Ralston Avenue, Belmont.

For more information, please call Sr. Annette Burkart at (408) 390-7184.



NDNU wins grant for science education!

Congratulations to [Notre Dame de Namur University](#) for the \$183,000 grant they recently received to prepare high school and middle-school teachers in the biological sciences.

There is a critical need in California for new, qualified teachers, particularly in the sciences and **we are so proud that NDNU's excellent teacher education program has been recognized in this way!**



Famine in South Sudan: A man-made tragedy

California Sister Carolyn Buhs and her colleagues in South Sudan have been reporting for some time that food is scarce, mainly because farmers have fled their crops due to violence. Now the UN and others are warning that more than a million children are suffering from acute malnutrition.

Unfortunately, humanitarian aid is not reaching those suffering and there is no mail delivery system in place. Sr. Carolyn asks for your prayers, and we suggest donating to the [Solidarity for South Sudan](#) organization.

[Read the latest from Sr. Carolyn here.](#)



Remembering the Sisters in your will?



Understandably, most of us don't think very often about making or updating our will, even though we know it's a good thing to do.

The Sisters are very touched by the 80+ loyal Notre Dame friends who have told us that they are remembering Sisters of Notre Dame in their will. [Marilyn McElhane](#) is one of them.

A graduate of NDNU, a Notre Dame Associate, and a generous supporter of the Sisters and their work in California and around the world, Marilyn wants to be part of their future, too. You can [read more about Marilyn on our website](#), and maybe even let her story prompt you to include the Sisters in your plans, too.

Any questions? Contact Leigh Howell at (650) 551-6402 or leigh.howell@sndden.org

Sweet greetings from NDE students gladden hearts



Valentine's Day cards created by students at [Notre Dame Elementary, Belmont](#) were given to guests at the Table of Plenty in Half Moon Bay. Sr. Jeanette Braun described the happy surprise of those receiving the valentines. The students also send cards at Thanksgiving, Easter and St. Patrick's Day.

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