

AROUND THE PROVINCE

FRACTALS: A fractal is a non-regular geometric shape that has the same degree of non-regularity on all scales. It comes from the Latin fractus, meaning an irregular surface like that of a broken stone.

Fractals are the kind of shapes we see in nature.



Holy Name Fractal - Assembly 2018



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Cultivating *NONVIOLENT* Peace *submitted by Sr. Jolene Ellis*

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THE DEPTH OF GOD'S LOVE [The Spirituality of Nonviolence]

...Nonviolence, then, can never be equated with passivity, it is the essence of courage, creativity, and action. Nonviolence does, however, require patience: a passionate endurance and commitment to seek justice and truth no matter the cost.

...I would like to talk about something even more revolutionary, something much more difficult. It would like to address the doorway to peace, a spirituality of nonviolence. Because unless we address that, unless we focus on the underpinning of nonviolent action, any advocacy for nonviolent social change runs the risk of being superficial...

Once upon a time I was sure about nonviolence. It had a clear vision of a nonviolent world and imagined myself walking towards it. But after many years of experimenting with nonviolence, I'm not sure about anything except *Ephesians 3:17-19*. In that letter, Paul writes, "May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, and may charity be the root and foundation of your life. Then may you grasp fully, with all the saints, the breadth and length and height and depth of God's love, and experience this love which surpasses all knowledge, so that you may attain to the very fullness of God."

I think a spirituality of nonviolence has something to do with grasping fully the depth and height and length and breadth of Christ's love, experiencing it and making it visible.

Obviously, then, I am undertaking an exercise in frustration. Why? Because Saint Paul reminds us that this way of loving is beyond knowledge, beyond explanation. It is a love that cannot be grasped unless we take a leap in faith while grounding our lives in love.

Therefore, I approach this subject from the kneeling position of Job who, after trying to make sense of God's ways can only testify: "I have spoken of great things which I have not understood, things too wonderful for me to know."

A spirituality of nonviolence has something to do with grasping fully the depth of God's love. When I think of depth, I go inward and down. So a good place to start the journey to nonviolence is by exploring love of self and the depth of God's love for me. Without a true love for oneself, any attempts at nonviolence easily become clanging cymbals and sounding gongs.

Prayer:

*I am only one, but I am one.
I can't do everything, but I can do something.
The something I ought to do, I can do.
And by the grace of God,
I will.* [Edward Everett Hale]



At the 2018 Franciscan Federation Conference, Sisters Terri Miklitsch, Liz Fuhr of Sacred Heart Province and Sheral Marshall of St. Francis Province were honored for their dedication and commitment to furthering connections, good will and programs with our Muslim brothers and sisters.



2017 - 2018 DIRECTORY
Sisters and Associates of Holy Name Province
Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity



Please review your information in the directory and forward any updates or changes to the provincial secretary at imarshanke@stellaosf.org OR call at 716.754.4311, ext. 9764#
All updates and changes are due by August 10.
Thank you.

From the Advancement Office...

August 23rd will be our annual front lawn Fiesta for Chiapas and I'm looking forward to sharing the latest updates on the medical mission. We hope to see some of our friends and supporters joining us for tacos and margaritas! The mission needs include snack sized zip-lock baggies; vitamins for children, seniors and expectant mothers (no gummy varieties); eye drops such as visine; small tubes of neosporin; clip boards; toothbrushes; and eye glasses (0.50, 1.0 2.25 and 3 strength).

Our committee has begun planning for the Tribute Dinner on October 3.



As we wind down this fiscal year, we give our thanks to the many generous benefactors who have enthusiastically responded to our appeals. Please remember them in your prayers. *Barbara Johnson*



THANK YOU

Many, many thanks to all of you wonderful sisters and associates who were so generous with prayers, gifts and good wishes for my Jubilee. Each and every one was most appreciated, and a prayer was offered up for each of you in gratitude. God love each of you and guide you in all you are doing for Him. *Gratefully, Sr. Aline*

My deepest gratitude to all the generous people who enabled me to celebrate my Diamond Jubilee in glorious style: the musicians, those who prepared the Mass, the table setter-uppers for the banquet, the decorators,, the cooks, and those who arranged for Masses to be said for my intentions, and all the beautiful cards and little gifts. May God reward you. *Sr. Marie Louise Pohlman*

Dear Sisters and Associates, Many thanks for all the prayers, Holy Masses, many gifts, cards, and good wishes for my 65th Jubilee. It was truly a great celebration and I deeply appreciate all each of you did to make it so wonderful. May God Bless and reward each of you. With much love and prayers, your very grateful *Sister Lucina*

Sincere and loving thanks for all your greetings, kind words, prayers and Masses, cards and gifts for my jubilee. I am deeply grateful and I wish all of you a 75th jubilee!"
Sr. Dolores Marie Schmidt

2020 Chapter of MATS Survey - If you did not receive information electronically or hear from others about this survey, please contact the Provincial Secretary at 716-754-4311, ext. 764# or imarshanke@stellaosf.org. Also, please send your response to the survey as soon as possible. Thank you.



ACTIVITIES AT SHA *by S. Mara Walton*

The Center for the Arts at the University of Buffalo was the setting for SHA's graduation of 124 young women. These women will be attending colleges and universities around the country and have received offers of over \$30 million in scholarships. This year's graduation speaker, Dr. Laurie Hess Sperry PhD, BCBA-D '82 is an Associate Professor in the College of Professional Studies, School of Education at Regis University, Denver, CO. She was a classroom teacher for children with autism and related disabilities for eight years and then served as a state consultant for the Autism Division in South Carolina. Her work then took her to Hawaii where she served as State Director of Autism as well as receiving a Fulbright Scholarship to continue her studies in Australia. In 2014 she received the *Christus Super Omnia* Distinguished Alumna Award at SHA. She challenged the graduates to follow their dreams and to be open to new pathways on their journey.

Each year the Athletic Department holds the annual Sports awards night and video review of the various seasons. This year there were league championships in golf, swim and tennis. Three All Catholic or playoff championships in swim, bowling and lacrosse highlighted their seasons. One State championship was achieved by the basketball team and individual students competed in States in swim, golf and track. The Athletic program is very strong and many students compete in two sports seasons.

SHA is busy this summer with the Summerspace programs consisting of week long classes in areas such as art, music and science where grade school students explore their various interests. Camps in field hockey, lacrosse, volleyball and basketball prepare them for their respective sports. Some SHA students have chosen to travel around the world to learn about various cultures. Trips went to Zambia and to Australia and New Zealand. Others are going to the Dominican Republic to work with children and their families.

A summary of the last few months of the academic year can be found on the SHA website by checking the quarterly newsletter, the *Heartbeat*.



Two young women working on their "footprints" in Forensics camp during the Summerspace program at SHA

ENTERED NEW LIFE

All praise be Yours, my Lord, through Sister Death, from whose embrace no mortal can escape.



Your prayers are kindly requested for the repose of the soul of our beloved Sister M. Antoanette Kasiyantini, OSF. who died on June 13, 2018. Sister M. Antoanette was born on October 29, 1967 and was professed on July 5, 1996. She was a member of the St. Yusup Boro Community. Thank you very much for your prayers said for the peace of the soul of our beloved sister.

God the Lord called home to his kingdom on June 15, 2018 Sister M. Magdalena Luzie Stegemann from the St. Elisabeth convent in Lüdinghausen. S. Magdalena was born on February 6, 1928 and was professed on August 15, 1952. We ask for your prayers for the peace of our beloved sister.



Please pray for the soul of Sister Eleonora Pozebom who died on June 18, 2108. She was a member of the Mother Magdalen community in São Leopoldo, RS - Brazil. Sister Eleonora was born on November 25, 1934 and was professed on February 3, 1956. May she rest in peace.

Please pray for Sister Frediana Rosa Maria Hammes who died on June 25, 2018. Sister Frediana was a member of the Santa Elisabeth Community in São Leopoldo, RS - Brazil. She was born on May 31, 1924 and was professed on February 3, 1952. Rest in peace.



Please pray for S. Onelia Tonello who died on July 15, 2018. She was born on September 9, 1939 and was professed on February 4, 1979. She was a member of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Province in Sao Leopoldo - RS - Brazil. May she rest in peace.