



**Then and Now !**  
**Sisters of St. Francis - USA**

March 2024

Dear Friends,

A highlight of the year is always our Jubilarian celebration, and this year is particularly exciting.

It was 150 years ago on May 18, 1874, that Mother Aloysia and Sisters Felicitas Dues, Veronica Conradi and Leonarda Hanappel set sail for the United States. They were the first missionaries of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity to come to this “new world.”

Of course their work in the United States flourished and because of that, we are celebrating our courageous Jubilarians who, like the sisters before them, answered God’s call with a resounding “YES!”

Their combined 560 years of service have been lived as joyful women of the Gospel—each fulfilling their vocation in ways as diverse as their own unique gifts and talents.

At her 100th birthday party in October 2023, Sister Joan Nelson perfectly summed up her Franciscan life. She said, “Isn’t it wonderful that we can all come together to serve those who need our help.”

Let’s come together and shower our Jubilarians with gratitude! Your help will assist in the care of all the Franciscan sisters who reside in the health center at Stella Niagara, and provide an opportunity for our Jubilarians to request a grant for a ministry of their choice.

As always, we ask God’s blessing upon you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barbara'.

Barbara Johnson  
Director of Advancement



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*Sister Geraldine Nowak*



*Sister Maureen Harris*



*Sister Joanne Fogarty*

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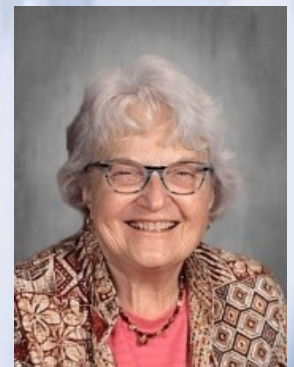


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