

Library renovation crowns campus expansion

Mary E. Harvey, ssj

For the College of St. Joseph in Rutland, the Grand Opening and Dedication, January 23, of the newly renovated and expanded library in St. Joseph Hall marked what its president Dr. Frank G. Miglorie termed as a very important and special historical moment and a prelude to the celebration of the college's 50th Anniversary in September.

Established by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rutland in 1950 for teacher education for their members, the college became incorporated in 1956.

With a mezzanine and other expansions, the library is now twice its former size. Added also are an elevator, natural and other lighting, new ventilation and air conditioning. There is more space for collections, a curriculum library, a student computer laboratory, and meeting and study areas. Both very aesthetic and functional, the renovated library cost one million.

A diverse group of 100 persons attended the ceremony. They represented the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield, with whom the Rutland Sisters reunified in 2001, CSJ friends, supporters, and donors to the library project, college trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, students, and alumni from in and out of state.

Others present were Vermont Governor James Douglas, the State Librarian, Department of Education members, state legislators, Rutland Mayor John Cassarino and other Rutland City and County officials. Sisters Mary Quinn, President of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield, Kathleen Imbruno, Vermont Area contact from the Leadership Team and a member of the college's Board of Trustees, and Sister Mary Polworth, third president of the college and a current trustee, represented the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Dr. Miglorie welcomed them and placed the occasion in context. Later in an interview with Mission he said, "The college envisioned its Access XXI (21st century) Plan in the 1990's. The expanded and improved library is an important achievement of this six-million campus

expansion completed over ten years. We have seen new buildings on the campus, the athletic center and the student center, Tuttle Hall (also housing the Chapel and a theater). The new library is the culmination of the plan and a superb milestone. All the expansion has been done to create better venues for the educational process and student services."

Thanking all who contributed to the library renovation, Dr. Miglorie especially expressed gratitude to Mary Giorgetti of Rutland for her outstanding gift. He announced the library is named the Giorgetti Library in recognition of this great support.

Governor Douglas praised the College of St. Joseph's particular role in the state with 62% of its students Vermonters. He stated CSJ could be a model for other colleges. In the interview, Dr. Miglorie said 50% of CSJ alumni work in the area in education, Human Services, business, and the public sector, with a high percentage engaged in community service.

Mayor John Cassarino remarked on the contributions of the college's graduates to the Rutland region and their involvement in Rutland City government. Jonathan Trzeszkoski, President of the Student Association, shared student perspectives on the new library.

Sister Mary Quinn gave a brief summary of the college's founding and incorporation. Then she said, "We gather to celebrate the opening of the new library, a central location for learning and research in every institution of higher learning. In the mission statement of the College of St. Joseph it states that "this college educates men and women of varied faiths and backgrounds for lives of continuing personal and professional growth, intellectual development, and community service."

"This mission clearly incorporates the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph in which we serve 'that all may be one,' as noted in the gospel of John.

Given our local, national and international concerns, we are all called to use our minds, hearts and spirits to make our world a more just

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Associate sends special valentine

Dear Sisters and Associates;

What a way to begin a New Year, with a clean bill of health from Dr. Prefontaine! And as for that little procedure on my ear, my hearing is returning. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your prayers, not only in my illnesses, but for the last 39 years.

During "heart" month I want to send

Praise to the Women on My Journey

*To the women on my journey
Who showed me the ways to go and not to go,
Whose strength and compassion
held up a torch of light
And beckoned me to follow. . .*

*To the women on my journey
Who showed me how to live and*

Letters -- Letters -- Letters -- Letters -- Letters

Dear Sisters and Associates,

On behalf of my family and especially myself, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the many cards, prayers, enrollments and donations to the Community in my mother's memory.

Your loving support in this time of sadness is a great comfort.

Thank you,
Susan Swasey, ssj

In Memoriam

Please remember the following in prayer:

Sister Bertha LeBlanc
Sister M. Christine Balargeon
Walter Prechtl, uncle of Srs. Maureen and Betty Broughan
Steven Hine, nephew of Sr. Joseph Anna
Elizabeth Burnett, mother of Sr. Susan Swasey
Clara Cheverie, mother of Elsie Cheverie, former member
William W. Woz, father of Christine Woz, Associate

*how not to live,
Whose grace, success, and gratitude,
lifted me into the
Fullness of surrender to God . . .*

*To the women on my journey
Who showed me what I am and what I am not,
Whose love, encouragement and confidence
held me
Tenderly and nudged me gently . . .*

*To these women I say bless you
and thank you from the
Depths of my heart, for I have been healed
and set free
Through your joy and through your sacrifice.*

Rev. Melissa M. Bowers (adapted)

I am so happy to be associated with you.
Gerri Melaney-Morgan

In my name and the Courtois and Sullivan Family we thank you for your prayers and concern during Mary's illness. Likewise for your many kindnesses at the time of her death in December.

For your prayers, Mass cards, presence at her wake and funeral, enrollments, donations to so many organizations and to our wonderful Community, which she so loved, we say a sincere thank you.

God bless each of you.

Gratefully,
Betty Sullivan, ssj

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Rutland leaders bestow legacy of love on us

Mary E. Harvey, ssj

Two Rutland Sisters of St. Joseph who are remembered for touching their time and beyond uniquely are Mother M. Concepta (Irene Pellerin) and Sister Nora Scribner (Mother M. Scholastica). Each has left a legacy in her person, words, and deeds.

“The life of a Sister of St. Joseph is a life of love. She loves many things, yet essentially only one thing. She loves God and the children entrusted to her care. She is literally God’s love in action.”

Mother M. Concepta Pellerin
June 9, 1963



Born in Bennington, VT in 1906, Irene Pellerin entered the Rutland Sisters of St. Joseph in 1925 and received the name Sister M. Concepta. A long time teacher especially of French, she served as

general superior of the Community from 1957-1966, a time of growth, expansion, and the event of the Second Vatican Council.

With a loving heart and gifts of creativity as well as practicality, she possessed faith and vision. Sister M. Concepta died on July 16, 1978.

SSJ to speak to Pax Christi on ‘Women Giving Witness’

The Western Massachusetts Chapter of Pax Christi USA will join the Smith College Newman Association, the Helen Hills Hills

“The purpose of life is to learn to love. No matter what we have accomplished if love is not the motive, it profits us nothing.”

Sister Nora Scribner
Her last message to the Community
April, 1982



Born in Jefferson, NH in 1914, Nora Scribner entered the Rutland Sisters of St. Joseph in 1933 and received the name Sister M. Scholastica. She led her Community from 1966-72 and again in 1978-82. An educator, Sister Nora had a loving

heart, faith, understanding and vision. First guiding her congregation in the years following Vatican II, she was among those wise women who founded the U.S. C/SSJ Federation. She died on June 21, 1982. At her funeral on June 24, Father Richard Lavalley said in the homily, “Sister Nora was a woman who had a vision, who could look ahead... She realized also if she was to do any thing it had to be done by the gospel, and that is why she was a gospel person.... She was a loving person who had a tremendous ability of looking at persons and loving them wherever they were at that particular point in their growth. And always, always, with a challenge to develop that potential that God has given.”

Chapel, and the Radical Catholic Feminists of Smith College in co-sponsoring a panel discussion entitled “Women Giving Witness,” February 10, at 7 p.m.

Kathleen Keating, ssj, and Smith College student Elizabeth Koke will discuss their recent visits to El Salvador to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the deaths of four American churchwomen - Maryknoll Sisters Maura Clarke and Ita Ford, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazel, and lay missionary Jean Donovan - who were killed there on December 2, 1980 because of their own witness with the poor of that country.

Mary Johnson, snd, of Emmanuel College, who attended the commemoration at the Maryknoll Motherhouse in Ossining, NY, will complete the panel.

**Spring Cleaning Date
for Jamestown House**

Saturday, April 8, 2006

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Work will include, widows, blinds, curtains, walls, floors, woodwork and furniture as well as any other needs that present themselves.

Contact: Ginny Maitland to work and about the possibility of staying over on Friday to get an early start, or staying over on Saturday to recover.

Path of discovery leads to Homework House

**Sisters Jane Morrissey
Maureen Broughan**

As we approach opening day at the Homework House of Hermano Pedro, January 30 (coincidentally the deadline for this issue of *Mission*), we walk to the tune of a poetic mantra from Theodore Roethke, "I learn by going where I have to go." This journey has taken us to Texas and California. Wherever we have gone our destination has remained the place we started from: Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Last January we made our initial contact with Homework House, a California after-school program started in 1992 by a woman who wanted to help children in poor neighborhoods to achieve success in school. Barbara Abouchar, the founder, and Marcia Marcinko, her dedicated assistant, encouraged us to establish a satellite.

Although we were on the other side of the country, we had one significant thing in our favor: we were Sisters of Saint Joseph. Sister Bridget Murphy, an Orange CSJ, had been one of their first volunteers and served on their board. Unwittingly she had paved the way we felt called to go.

From that first conversation came many others here at home. We looked at concerns that had come up during Leadership. During those six years we had attended the Holyoke Forum which on occasion brought us to the Flats. We had come to the diocesan AIDS service and meetings about ways we might be of service after a tragic fire doomed Perpetual Help School.

At Immaculate Conception in the Flats of Holyoke, Father Jim Aherne and the parish council welcomed us warmly. We decided that it would serve as our first site.

Mayor Michael Sullivan guided us in making the decision to open our Homework House for boys. He noted they are the city's population most deprived of after-school alternatives and most sought out by gangs. Originally we had dreamed of other sites and

had defined our preference as serving girls and their mothers. Once again we had "learned by going" where we had to go.

On this journey that takes us simultaneously to our roots and to the margins of our recent Chapter commitment, support from our Sisters has been stellar from the start. Before last June whenever Maureen had mentioned our dream in her monthly meetings with the community in St. Joseph Residence, the Sisters brightened our dream, especially those who had come from the Flats or been missioned at Rosary.

TAM awarded us our first grant, underwriting our stipends for this pilot semester. This month our Sisters are coming to our Homework House to volunteer as tutors. Sisters Patricia James and Imelda Maria were the first to arrive, and Kathleen Keating will be at our next orientation. We continue to be encouraged by your words, cards, notes, and donations. We are going toward the first day of operations at the Homework House of Hermano Pedro together.

On January 29 we had an Open House for the members of the Holyoke Forum who led us this way. On January 30 we opened our doors. All you know of the Homework House of Hermano Pedro may be contained in this article. Yet who knows what may be happening even as you read it? You too may "learn by going" where you have to go. The road may take you here. We would love to open our door and find you there.



Sisters Maureen and Jane talk with Fr. Aherne about Homework House.

Photo by Wendy Hammerle

Vermont coalition taps SSJ for board

Patricia Kane, ssj

Sr. Margaret McDevitt, SSJ was recently elected to the Board of Directors of RUNCJC-Rutland United Neighborhoods and Community Justice Center.

Sr. Margaret, who serves as the chaplain at the Rutland Regional Medical Center, is one of a fourteen member Board chosen from the four neighborhood divisions, police, social services and other prominent citizens. Sr. Judy Levins and Sr. Pat Kane are members of the southwest neighborhood division.

RUN is a coalition of neighbors and agencies committed to providing and promoting active cooperation, mutual respect, and shared responsibility for a safe and healthy community.

Founded in 2001 by Mayor John Cassarino and Avery Cleary, the offices of RUN were initially housed in the Rutland Police Department. This January meeting of the Board celebrated the opening of a new headquarters located on Merchants Row in down town Rutland and the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation with

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and peaceful place for all, a world in which we are all one.

"Pope John Paul II noted that the proper activity of the Catholic university/college is 'learning to think rigorously, so as to act rightly, and serve humanity better.'

"Our hope and prayer for this wonderful occasion is that all who use this library will take the insights and rigorous knowledge gained here to act rightly and be of service to all those in need of love and compassion."

Dr. Miglorie said in the interview, "When persons gathered in the library for the ceremony, there existed almost a state of awe. It is a marvelous facility with a beautiful architectural design, open spaces, natural light from floor to ceiling windows opening on nature. There has been a transformation. The architect utilized a modern industrialized look, but in the context of the space it is wonderful in color and line. The library is user friendly, but feels like a special place."

Over several years the library automated and expanded its collections, improved technology, added many electronic databases and made other improvements.

Dr. Miglorie said, "The library is the heart of an educational organization, the primary tool for academic growth... Students can also access this

an American Flag by Sergeant First Class Michael Mumley. Recently returned from active duty in Iraq, the Sergeant announced that the flag was flown over the Headquarters Camp Building, Kuwait, as a token of gratitude for the support and encouragement offered by RUN to the Vermont National Guard during his deployment in "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

During the Board Meeting plans were made for a Valentine Dinner Dance to honor members of the Vermont National Guard recently returned from Iraq. This evening of dining and entertainment at Eagles Hall will feature the popular band "Bobby Dick and the Sundowners."

Sr. Margaret will serve on the decorating committee. In typical north country, neighborly fashion the meeting ended with a birthday cake for Gary Lazetera, treasurer of the Board, presented by Lynne Walsh, present director of RUNCJC.

Among the invited guests sharing the festivities was Sr. Margaret's sister, Katherine McDevitt Barrett.

library from other locales as their homes. We have many students commuting distances. The more effective the library is, the more students are apt to use it." College of St. Joseph students are responding very well to the new library. Dr. Miglorie reflected that its Grand Opening and Dedication celebration served as a symbolic setting of the stage for the college's 50th Anniversary.



Sister Mary Quinn addresses those gathered, including Vermont Governor James Douglas, Mary Giorgetti for whom the library is named, Rutland Mayor John Cassarino and Jonathan Trzeszkoski, President of the CSJ Student Association.

Photo by Jamie Insinga, Communications Director, College of St. Joseph

SSJs direct work of Catholic Library Association

Mary Lou Lacey, ssj

If someone asked what two Sisters are closely involved with a national organization, one as its paid executive director, the other as an award-winning volunteer, what would you answer? Though many could reply "Sisters Jean Bostley and Mary Gallagher," few might have an accurate idea of what these positions entail.

Since 1995, Jean has been Executive Director of the Catholic Library Association, and Mary, the General Editor of its official publication, *Catholic Library World*.

Jean's position is an appointed one to which she was named after serving as board member, vice president, and president of the organization. (At one point she was president and executive director at the same time!) She oversees the four sections of CLA: national membership, *Catholic Library World*, the Catholic Periodical and Literature Index, and the Annual Convention.

Organizing the convention this year has brought unusual problems, as the gathering was to have been in New Orleans. "We have had to move from New Orleans to Atlanta, Georgia," Jean explains. "We have had to replace speakers, and live with the fact that one change causes another as we prepare printed material for the event." She is responsible for news releases, program information, design and publication of the program, and audiovisual materials.

As Director, she is also liaison to the Board; she serves as treasurer and recording secretary, and keeps records. She maintains the combined CLA Handbook and Membership Directory, and also the CLA Officers' Manual.

Mary, as general editor of CLW, calls for, collects, evaluates and initiates the jury process for major articles. She writes or compiles News Notes, and receives manuscripts for publication. She spends many hours monitoring the book-reviewing process: notifying authors, choosing reviewers, editing reviews, and preparing material for Production Editor Allen Gruenke in Allen Park, Michigan. In all this, Mary, Jean, and Allen collaborate in making key decisions for each issue.

In the 1990s, Mary did this work from the Elms College campus. Then the Board agreed to transfer the review operations to headquarters in Pittsfield and to hire an editorial assistant, Lucy Merker, to help with the duties. Mary and Jean are in touch on a daily basis, mostly by e-mail, and Mary travels to Pittsfield once a month to

oversee the reviewing process.

Jean's role also requires frequent traveling as she makes site visits when planning the convention and regularly attends Board meetings for CLA. She also serves as a committee member for the Center for the Study of Religious Life which meets annually in Chicago. Sponsored by LCWR, CMSM, and the Catholic Theological Union (CTU), this committee advises the Center about developing its library collection. The current focus is on acquiring appropriate journals about religious life.

As a Board member of CLA for six years, then Vice President, and President Elect, Jean acquired background knowledge that has proven valuable as she now deals with membership, surveys, mailing lists, taxes, and criteria for awards. "It's challenging, never boring, and I love it," Jean says. Mary notes that Jean habitually works overtime.

CLA presents many awards such as the Regina Medal for outstanding children's literature, the Jerome Award from the academic section, and the Aggiornamento Award for parish and community libraries. Recognizing outstanding service, the Association also gives the Mary A. Grant Service Award for volunteer service to CLA by a CLA member. In 2003, Mary Gallagher received that honor.

The presence of Sisters of St. Joseph in the ranks of CLA is not new. In 1965 the late Sister Anna Maria Walsh joined what later became the New England Chapter of CLA and became its president. She was followed in that post by Sisters Edith McAlice, Mary Ellen Brennan, Mary Gallagher, and Jean Bostley.

Mary also served on the CLA Board and chaired the library education section and the archives section. At the urging of CLA, Mary wrote a book, *Young Adult Literature: Issues and Perspectives*, which was published in 1988 and revised in 1991.

Both Mary and Jean recall their initiation into library work. Jean had her first library experience at St. Thomas School, West Springfield, and then moved to St. Joseph High School, Pittsfield. Previously she had taught at Sacred Heart Academy, Worcester.

Mary entered the field when she went to Elms College as a librarian in 1965. Earlier she had taught at St. Jerome High School, Holyoke, St. Joseph High School, Pittsfield, Rosary High School and Holyoke Catholic High School.

About CLA and its branches, Jean and Mary agree: "We both love the Association or we wouldn't kill ourselves as we do."

SRI Investing: A Model for 2006

Roberta Mulcahy, ssj

reconciled with the social objectives of national governments?

Envisioning Socially Responsible

Investing (SRI): A Model for 2006 is a bold forecast and a call to action for those who work in this field of investing and corporate social responsibility (CSR). This model identifies the trends that are likely to occur over the next five years and ways in which the SRI community can help shape these trends. Its proposal range from:

1. Creating new market research firms and centralized sources of social and environmental data to
2. Incorporating CSR and SRI into business school curricula and the training process for financial analysts.

The questions before us are:

1. Can corporations' potential to do good -- provide food, clothing, entertainment, and employment in a world whose population will reach 8 to 11 billion by the middle of the century -- be realized?
2. Can corporation's potential to do harm -- pillage natural resources, exploit the defenseless poor, and create inequitable disparities in wealth -- be tamed?
3. Can the for-profit goals of transnational corporations be

Recommendations to help ensure SRI's future potential are extensive. Yet, for the purpose of this article they are summarized here:

1. **Corporations** should state clearly and specifically their social and environmental values and adopt specific management practices to integrate these values into their operations.
2. **Institutional Investors** -- like ourselves -- should be required to adopt comprehensive voting policies on social, environmental, and corporate governance issues (see our updated Financial Philosophy and Policy) and network with other institutional investors concerned with these issues.
3. **Financial, Academic and SRI Communities** can work together to develop research initiatives, and degree and certification programs in SRI and CSR for the training of financial analysts and financial service companies.

Progress toward these goals will need the considerable efforts and skills of many people and organizations. The good news is that we have already begun the process!

Pioneer Valley Project honors early organizer

Sr. Annette McDermott, ssj, of Springfield, has been named a Ministry in Community Action Honoree by the Pioneer Valley Project. Annette was one of 15 honorees to receive the MICA Award at the group's annual dinner program held at Cathedral High School in Springfield.

Annette was recognized for being instrumental in establishing the PVP a decade ago by securing funding and working to forge bonds among faith groups, community agencies, labor unions and other organizations throughout New England. The goal of the PVP is to alleviate conditions of poverty, racism, unemployment and other social injustices.

She is currently pursuing a PhD as an O'Neill Fellow in the Department of Political Science at Boston College.



At the gathering are Sisters Roberta Mulcahy, Elly Harrington, Annette McDermott and Irene Comeau. ***Photo by Mary Ferguson, ssj***

Do you have 90 seconds to spare?

Roberta Mulcahy, ssj

How To Write A Quick and Effective Letter to Congress

Bread for the World has suggested using our voice by writing a brief letter to our members of Congress encouraging them to take action on behalf of hungry people throughout the world. We can make a difference about hunger and other issues that are always before us as we listen to radio broadcasts, read newspapers and watch the world news.

Here's how to write a brief but strong letter:

- Be specific
- Name an action
- Give a reason

A sample of these three elements is shown in the following letter:



Sue Laporte, associate, and Cathy Coyne, ssj organize the annual recycling pickup with Paul from the IRN (Institute Recycling Network).

Annual Mont Recycling



Juan Maldonado, from Maintenance, and Anne MacGregor, comptroller, gather old computers from the Mont offices.

U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Rep. _____ or
Sen. _____

I'm concerned about the world's 850 million undernourished people. The United States has made commitments to help cut hunger in half by 2015 -- one of the U.N. Millennium Development Goals -- and to double aid to Africa by 2010.

Additional development assistance will help give hungry and poor people a fair chance to improve their lives. This year, please approve a significant increase in poverty-focused development assistance.

I believe that the United States should honor its commitments. Additional funding for accounts such as Child Survival, Development Assistance, and the Millennium challenge Account will provide food, health care, and basic education to some of the world's poorest people.

Sincerely,

Your Name
Your Address

(That's all there is to it!)

Cathy Coyne, ssj stands amidst the hundreds of pounds of mixed electronics, batteries and fluorescent light bulbs collected from throughout the Mont.

