

Mary Manse Alumni News

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From the President

Greetings...

As 2025 is now in the rear view mirror, and the frenzy of the holidays has been put to rest, 2026 has just begun, and as always new beginnings await and so, too, for our Alumni Association. Continuing to evolve, this is my opportunity to inform you that our traditional fall gathering will be a little different this year.

We will be gathering on Sunday, October 4, 2026 at The Pinnacle, beginning at noon. A prayer service will begin our afternoon, followed by lunch, fellowship, and a brief annual meeting. Let us hope, with God's help and guidance, our alumni will be supportive of this new endeavor.

Colette Kalisz Egner '72
President,
Mary Manse Alumni
Association

**Mary Manse
College
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The 2026 Mary Manse Alumni Prayer Service & Luncheon

Sunday, October 4, 2026

beginning at noon

at THE PINNACLE *

** note new time and location!*

**1772 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee, OH 43537
(near I-475 and Dussel Drive)**

- Prayer Service
- Luncheon
- Business Meeting

Honor Classes ~ Classes which end in '1 and '6.

There will be no honor class reps for their years, however if you have questions regarding the Prayer Service & Luncheon,

please contact:

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See more information and registration form
in the August MMC Alumni Newsletter!



OVER HILL... OVER DALE... HERE IS WHAT WAS IN THE MAIL

Char Gleckler Kreuz's daughter, **Becky Gaynor**, was her guest at the most recent Mary Manse Alumni Mass and Luncheon. Char and Becky share a strong interest in music. Becky is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy in Toledo and the University of Dayton and played trumpet in her high school orchestra. Char, who is a Class of '55 graduate of Mary Manse, played trombone in high school and throughout all four years at Mary Manse and also sang in the MMC Chorus.

Chair yoga, acrylic painting and writing short stories are a few of Class of '63 **Sheila Downey Sarkisian's** hobbies. Sheila and her husband enjoy spending time with her son Pete, daughter Amy and son-in-law Tyler Toth, and granddaughter Zee.

Catherine Ruen Heitz '64 enjoys spending time with her family, especially her three great-grandchildren.

While Christmas shopping in early December at Nature's Corner in Toledo, **Judy Biehler Miller '69** struck up a conversation with another shopper about Christmas decorations. After a few minutes, Judy

realized the woman looked familiar and asked if she was a Mary Manse alumna. Long story short, **Judy Bodette Stead** attended MMC until October of her senior year before completing her degree at the University of Toledo. See her address listed under "**Mary Manse Alumni Address Changes**" in this issue.

Carolyn May Sisler '71 shares that she is enjoying her retirement after 10 years. She stays active through many local activities and serves as an officer in several organizations. Her involvement with her local food pantry since 1997 has been one of the most rewarding experiences of her life, second only to her faith. Carolyn and her sister traveled to Panama this past spring and are planning a trip to Spain and Portugal next year.

Mary Beth Dibling Rumer '72 shares that she enjoys reading the *Mary Manse Alumni Newsletter*. She thanks **Susan Masztak '63** for her engaging stories and for always highlighting strong women through her quotes.

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Sheila Griffin Falkenberg '69
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Toledo, OH 43606

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Toledo, OH 43615

LOST

Therese Beaber
Winkeljohn '53

Donna Verhoeven
Cusumano '64

Kathleen Deters Jones '66

Barbara Westrick '68
Susan Kimener Boyle '69

Greta Buck '73



Snapshots from the 2025 Mary Manse Alumni Mass and Luncheon



Char Gleckler Kreuz '55 and daughter Becky



Rick Sulewski '73 and Maria Ensign Sulewski '73



Judy Biehler Miller '69 and Sister Nelda Chافتelli, OSU '64



Christine Anton Keran '71, Nanci Talpos Murdock '68 and Patty Dudley Pastorek '68



Mary Ann Quilter Cervantes '70, Penny Lanius Steffanni '70, Marie Rellinger Miller '70, and Jayne Kennedy Swemba '70



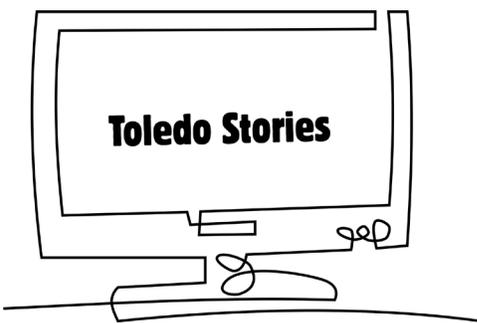
Lynne Eisenman '76, Ingrid Egeland Loukota '76, and Ingrid's husband, Bill Loukota



Sharon Meesig Miller '70, Mary Jane Welter Kasuga '70, and Angie Barone Katz '70

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 Sheila Griffin Falkenberg '69
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 Jane Traser Hunter '72
 Linda Jones Jastrzemski '73
 Angela Barone Katz '70
 Judy Biehler Miller '69
 Nanci Talpos Murdock '68
 Peg Palmer O'Hearn '61
 Patty Dudley Pastorek '68
 Teresa Kerul Richardson '70
 Mary Beth Dibling Rumer '72
 Mary Jean Dixon Schimmel '69
 Pat O'Hearn Shaw '70
 Jan Swint Stickles '69
 Anne Heilman VanderHooven '59



On Thursday evenings, WGTE-TV Channel 30 airs "Toledo Stories" and our "Remembering Mary Manse College" is often shown. You also may view "Remembering Mary Manse College" any time by going online to www.wgte.org on your computer, iPad or smartphone and searching the title. Please note that DVD's are no longer available.

From Pat Shaw '70 2025 Treasury Donation



Donations were made on St. Nicholas Day, December 6, 2025, to the Ursuline Sisters who each received \$25 to spend any way they wished. The Sisters have expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the thoughtful gift.

Take a Tour!

Self-guided tours of the Collingwood Arts Center / Mary Manse College / Ursuline Convent are still ongoing. If you'd like to take a self-guided tour, a tour sheet is available at the front door as you come into the building.

Feel free to stop by any Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2413 Collingwood Blvd., Toledo, OH 43620 and stir up some memories of our beloved Mary Manse College!

Honor Classes:

If you'd like to make a donation to the Ursuline Sisters, please bring it to the Prayer Service & Luncheon or mail it to: Ursuline Convent, 4045 Indian Road, Toledo, OH 43606

ALUMNI

May They Rest in Peace



Druscilla Gibson Griffin '55
 Suzanne Kelley Badyna '55
 Dr. Sally L. Holt '64
 Kay Ann Madigan '64
 Barbara Marie Palicki Kent '65
 Sr. Mary Angela Gaietto, OSU '67
 Elizabeth Polen '67
 Marilyn Sulewski Lewandowski '67
 Alice Thompson Syperski '67
 Mary C. Dixon Reinbolt '68
 Margaret (Marge) TenEyck Brown '68
 Margaret (Peg) Benner Sartor '69
 Kathleen (Kathy) Borer Bradley '70
 Rose Ann Gerten Kaufman '70
 Phyllis Maunz '70
 Naomi Matuszek Kowalski '71
 Deborah Yenrick '73
 Marcella (Sally) Bihn Koenig, Associate
 Sr. Antoinette Dudek, OSF/S
 Sr. Mary Rose Bernard Groth, SND
 Sr. Carol Hoffman, OSF/S
 Sr. M. Pauline Kijek, OSF/S

Sr. Benita Kordial, OSF/S
 Barbara Kolinski Lackney, Associate
 Sr. Mary Gertrude Ann Mueller, SND
 Sr. Mary Lucy Suter, SND
 Sr. Patricia Ann Taube, OSF/S

Mother of:

Deborah Yenrick (dec.) '73

Husband of:

Patricia Leonard Meyer '62
 Patricia Ward Timmerman '62
 Catherine Witker Jaffee '63
 Frances Hoban Hopkins '65

Sister of:

Carolyn Danicke Epperly '66
 Sandra Haladyna Borysiak '71
 Catherine Bubenko '75

Brother of:

Dolores Holup Murphy '70

Rock On, Sisters!

A high-five goes out to our Toledo Ursuline Sisters for joining 45 women religious congregations to preserve archives, their legacy, with the Women Religious Archives Collaborative (WRAC) repository. The Heritage Center, slated to open in 2027, is to be in Cleveland, Ohio, also home to The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Why not! The Sisters rock! Rock on, Sisters!

Best wishes and thank you,

Susan Masztak '63
 (one of the many you've rescued)

Learn More About the Women Religious Archives Collaborative!



On your
 computer, go to:
www.archivescollaborative.org

Scan the QR code
 with your phone
 camera to go to the
 WRAC website! →



LOST OR FOUND?

by Susan Masztak '63

If while enjoying your relaxing and somewhat carefree Golden Years, you've suddenly encountered the misfortune of the necessity to relocate, for whatever reason, this writer shares your growing anxiety and offers you heartfelt sympathy.

Not only the physical pain this will cause your aging once youthful body, but the psychological distress and torment of letting go of the many items and mementos that reflect your identity, your relationships, and the significant chapters in your life that have remained sentimental attachments. Stand firm. You can do it. Do not falter at performing the overwhelming and daunting task that has come to be known as "downsizing."



What among your treasures must be kept? What can you go on living without? What should you sell? What should you give away and to whom? Will they accept your offerings just to be polite? Should some of yesterday's treasures now be considered "clutter" or "baggage" and merely be discarded? You no longer will have space for everything. Is a keepsake called a "keepsake" because you must "keep" it and for whose "sake"? Why keep it, especially if you've never liked it? How to do what with which? Conundrums abound.

Joshua Fields Milburn has said, "...the best way to organize stuff is to get rid of most of it," but he was an American minimalist. The inspirational speaker and author, Regina Brett's idea is less extreme - "Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful, or joyful." Sounds reasonable, a suggestion a Mary Manse graduate might accept. Keep Brett's acute awareness in mind as you consider the fate of some

of both your common and rare relics. Not in order of importance:

Photos If you have a ton of the old kind developed from camera film, it may take some time (set an alarm) to sort the keepers of family and of special events from all the others. Give each a last look to the non-keepers and say "goodbye" to each. You may not even remember the people in some of those photos. You'll need a large plastic trash bag.

Make it a dark color. If you can see through it, you may be tempted to rethink your decisions. Don't do that. Remember to recycle.

Letters and Greeting Cards

Holy Toledo! Look how many you've saved! Several shoe boxes. Right? Reread them, if you must, then say "goodbye" to them, too.

They've delivered their sentiments, good or bad, long ago. Don't look at the dates on them. Maybe you've forgotten why you had saved them or who had sent them. Best not to trigger any tears. Less to remember. That's a good thing. The floppy disc that holds your memory has been full for some time.

Journals What about those 95 journals you have stashed away taking up half of your closet, the ones you'd poured your heart and soul into for years? Do you really want someone to read your most secret thoughts and records of your adventures after you've been promoted to heaven? Journals are tough to let go. Read them and reminisce? That will take quite a long time. Destroy them? How? Where? They'd make a mighty fiery event. Someone nearby would surely call first responders. You didn't think about this when you were writing

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them, did you? This writer is interested in knowing your plan for them.

Library of Books The previous reduction of your library has left you with only your favorite collection. Do keep the signed ones and any first editions. You must limit the keepers to the number of bookcases and space you have, unless you pile them high and then they may become an obstacle course to access other rooms. Some young persons in your family may volunteer to sell them on e-bay. Take them up on their offers. That first issue of MS MAGAZINE featuring the comic book *Wonder Woman* on the cover, that you have kept pristine saved in a plastic bag, may allow you a vacation in the Caribbean for at least a weekend. It had cost \$1.00 when you bought it in 1972.

Your Music What about the hundreds (yes, hundreds!) of CDs you've collected and the shelves they've filled? There may not be enough time in your remaining years to play just one each day, unless you live for a very long time and they will fight for space with those favorite books. Yes, there are still people who will want those CDs. Check the used record stores. Better than that, give them to your local public library. It will make someone's day to check out CDs of music from the good old days. Ah, those good old days. Keep the Bose. You'll want to play your keepers... and listen to the radio when the cable goes out.

Kitchenware Your multifarious kitchenware will not fit into your newer fewer cabinets. Too many pots, pans, electric cookers, and all those place settings. It's time to call an antique dealer to sell the colorful collection of Fiesta from the 40's that you've been worshipping and using on special occasions, less often lately. Dinnerware that doesn't match is trendy. Haven't you heard? Get with it!

Painting and Wall Art Keep the ones that you never tire of seeing daily, especially if you have been

fortunate enough to have one painted by Sister Jane Catherine or by Kathy Palmer Genzman (MMC graduate 1963). Sister Jane Catherine gave her art students each a small painting as a graduation gift. Had you received that priceless treasure? Give away all others as gifts, unless you have a Picasso. You can sell that one and take a cruise around the world.

Clothes Keep the clothes that you wear most often. The St. Vincent De Paul Society Thrift Store and Goodwill will graciously accept all others. It was a good choice not buying trendy clothing fads, although it's been said that trends repeat. You can't believe everything you hear these days. By all means, keep those t-shirts printed with activist words ("The women are coming. Expect us"). The words on those shirts are timeless and always the silent statements you find it necessary to make.

Christmas Decorations and Ornaments This presents another set of difficult decisions, as many may be handmade (before robots and AI made "art") or gifts. It's time to share the joy that they have brought to you. You could put them in a trunk or box and offer them to the youngest member of your family who lives in a house with an attic. If all your ideas of saving the old and dear ornaments fail, see the good people at the stores mentioned above.

Jewelry That leaves us with jewelry, some valuable, some not. The jewelry you've been given by the elders in your family or inherited from them should now be given to the younger set of your family - rings, bracelets, necklaces, charms - you don't wear all of them anymore. Keep the ones you wear the most every day. Keep your Mary Manse College class ring, of course. You haven't lost it, have you? No? Good!

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If you are the reasonable and thoughtful person that Mary Manse College had helped you to become, you will come to think of this painful, yet somewhat relieving experience not so much as “downsizing” but as “smart sizing.” Embrace that word because you will have made your life less crowded with things, revisited your once treasured possessions, and relived some joyful times, while forgetting the ones that needed to be forgotten. Maybe the memories have caused you to laugh or at least to smile. Maybe there’s been not so much as a LOSS of things, but more of a FOUND of relief. Try to enjoy your new residence and welcome the new adventures it will bring. Put the old in the past where it belongs.

postscript:

Don't be afraid to start over. This time you're not starting from scratch. You're starting from experience. - Unknown

There are moments when everything goes well: don't be frightened; it won't last. - Jules Renard (1864-1910)

Above all, keep a sense of humor. Jules is from the past.

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Go to the website:
www.toledoursulines.org then click on “Publications,” then click on the Mary Manse Newsletter

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Jacqueline Roberts Breno '64, Mary Kwiatkowski Sobecki '64, and Sister Nelda Chafitelli '64



Martha Heilman McKenzie '65, Christine Hoehn (guest of Martha), Barbara Stolz Hay '65, and Jane Stolz Leimeister '65

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The deadline to submit information for the Fall Mary Manse Newsletter is June 3, 2026.

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Christine Debrock Ankenbrandt '70, Gretchen Mehling Roeth '70, Pat O'Hearn Shaw '70, and Barb Osman Altenburger '70



Sister Mary Jo Szpila, SND '73, Sister Carol Kronfield, OSU '78, and Sister Donna Frey, OSU '71



Jane Traser Hunter '72, Colette Kalisz Egner '72, Anne Heilman VanderHooven '59, Mary Beth Dibling Rumer '72, Mary Jean Dixon Schimmel '69, and Sandy Avina Georgoff '69



Judy Biehler Miller '69



Marlene Siefker Kleman '65, Lynette Haddad Francis '65, and Janice Nehiser Schiel '65



Susan Falkowski Duff '65, Barbara Langholz Laird '65, Sharon Burger Snyder '65, and Jackie Koralewski Konwinski '65

We'd love to hear from YOU!

Do you have personal information you'd like to share, such as hobbies, work or volunteer updates, a move, or the passing of a loved one? Are you and any of your classmates getting together? We'd be happy to publish your news in the next Mary Manse Alumni newsletter! Please send your information to:



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Information received by June 3, 2026 will be included in the Fall 2026 Mary Manse Alumni newsletter!

From the 1961 Brescian Yearbook

Commencement week is the most busy and memorable time of the scholastic year at Mary Manse. Freshman Day honors the seniors and their achievements as college students. Dedication Day follows and graduating class dedicates itself to the Blessed Virgin at the Brescia shrine. Juniors then take their turn to honor the seniors at the Junior-Senior Prom. On Class Day honors are given and the underclassmen have their tassels turned to designate the successful completion of another academic year. Monsignor Michael Doyle delivered the Baccalaureate sermon at the Cathedral in the evening. For seniors the big event was graduation night itself.

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From the 1951 Brescian Yearbook

Enriching and directing the spiritual life of the students is the task of the Students' Spiritual Council. The activities, both spiritual and temporal, included rosaries, spiritual reading, collecting magazines for tubercular patients, puzzles and Christmas cards for the crippled children. At the monthly assembly varied programs are presented both for instruction and amusement.

From the 1966 Brescian Yearbook

"Blood, sweat, and tears" typifies the period preceding exams. The material studied can be regarded in perspective, and the student has an opportunity to evaluate her success. Preparation includes much reviewing, relearning, and concentrated consumption of knowledge - otherwise known as "cramming." When the day of reckoning finally arrives, the student, armed with facts and concepts, strives to gain recognition for a semester of work. After the tedious hours of examination, relief comes to the student. With the removal of pressures and tensions, relaxation brings a new freshness after the storm.





Praying for Our Country, Our World

~ A Silent Prayer Hour ~

Wednesdays,

February 25

March 25

April 29

May 27

June 24

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

No speakers, music, discussion – just SILENCE.

Come and pray for the needs of our country, our world,
and all the concerns that trouble our hearts.

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