

Mary Manse Alumni News

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Greetings!

As I write to you the new year has begun. Many of the Christmas ornaments are snug in their boxes and the house is returning to its non-seasonal appearance.

Remembering is always a seasonal activity. Sometimes joyous. Other times draped in grief. There is no way to adequately honor those who have passed through the heavenly gates as of this writing. Instead, let us thank our Heavenly Father for sharing them with us. Most especially I remember Sister Mary Jo Koudelka. I remember her memorial mass at the Ursuline Center and sharing her memory with so many. May the blessings of our Lord envelop our departed and bring peace to those who remain here.

The one-hundredth anniversary of our beloved college was also celebrated this past year. The luncheon was an especially positive event. Sharing thoughts, pictures, and prayers, it was a truly memorable event. Many thanks to the ladies who organized and were responsible for making it so complete.

Now we move on to 2023. We sincerely hope it will not be as bone-chilling and windy as the last of 2022. Let us all pray for peace. May love surround each of you. Hoping you will find a year of many smiles. As we all find new challenges in our lives, may we move forward with the confidence that all of us in the Mary Manse Alumni share in the history of our awesome college. May the new year gently bring you that which you seek.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next annual gathering on October 8, 2023.

Mary Jim Sheets Stahl '67

Fond Memories Shared at 2022 MMC Alumni Mass and Luncheon



A wonderful time was had by about 80 Mary Manse College classmates who attended the 2022 Alumni Mass and Luncheon on October 9, 2022 at the Ursuline Center. Guests reminisced of college days, caught up on life's happenings, enjoyed a delicious meal, and celebrated liturgy together.

Thank you to all who planned and hosted this beautiful celebration of a bond that will not be broken.



← Chris Anton Keran '71
and Linda Jones
Jastrzemski '73



→ Colette Kalisz Egner
'72, Jane Traser Hunter
'72, and Patty Geis
Cafferty '72



← Peg Callahan '71, Jane
Creger Hubbard '71, and
Becky Rompilla Monnin
'71

2023 MMC Honor Class Reps

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1953 – 70 Years

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*** If this is your honor year, please contact your honor class rep
and share the best way to stay in touch with you.**



The 2023 MMC Alumni Mass & Luncheon

Sunday, October 8, 2023
Ursuline Center
4035 Indian Road, Toledo

Mass at 11 a.m. in the Chapel
Luncheon at Noon in the
Dining Room

Honor Classes ~
Classes which end in '3 and '8

Class of '73

We are the Honor Class as it is our 50th!
The Banquet is October 8, 2023 at the Ursuline
Center. Mass will be celebrated by Father Dan Ring
at 11 a.m.; lunch to follow afterwards.

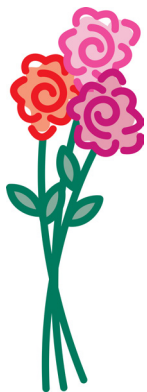
These are the classmates that you can contact:

Marietta Connolly Bobroski '73
Sr. Joy Gray '73
Linda Jones Jastrzemski '73
Sr. Mary Jo Szpila '73



50 years

Dear '53 Mates,

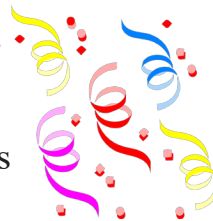


Our upcoming 70th anniversary reunion is a momentous milestone! Hopefully, some of us will be able to attend. This coming spring I will be mailing you a personal note, with a self-addressed stamped envelope, so you can reply with good news, good MMC memories, good family updates. Watch for it.

Until then, I remain your forever (Irish) Scribe,

Mary C. Guyton Phillips '53

Cheers Class of 1968!



2023 marks another momentous milestone for us. It is 55 years since our graduation from Mary Manse College! We will celebrate on October 8, 2023 with a Mass and luncheon at the Ursuline Center beginning at 11 a.m. So mark your calendars now. There will be a reservation form in the fall newsletter. We are the class representatives and you will be hearing from us.

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Class of '63!!

Hard to believe it's been 60 years since we left the halls of MMC. Our heads can't wrap around the fact that it's been so long! We hope that you'll be able to join us for the reunion this fall so we can see how well we've survived and enjoyed it! As the date gets closer, let me know if you're able to come so we can plan something...

Mary Lou Snyder '63

Is Your Class Gathering?

If any class is making additional plans to get together before or after the 2023 MMC Alumni Mass and Luncheon, we will be glad to publish it in our next issue. Send your information by July 13, 2023 to:

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

Frances Fitz Hipp '50 enjoys the newsletter. She writes that at her age she seldom finds a name she knows, but she reads every word. She is still in her own home and works eight to 12 hours a week. It keeps her active, especially since all of her family is out of town or out of state. Thank you for all you do.

Mary C. Guyton Phillips '53 thanks the Board for their part in keeping the MMC Alums connected. Every issue of the newsletter is heartwarming! Continued blessings on all of us.

Charlotte Gleckler Kreuz '55 is a "recruited volunteer" who teaches music to the four-year-old preschoolers at Holy Trinity School at Assumption. This is her fourth year doing so and it is such fun and rewarding! Char also enjoys gardening, music of all sorts, and does a little creative writing and correspondence. All the men at her house are in heaven; husband Al and sons Gary and Mike.

Althea Symonette Cheatham '61 states she would like to take a moment to thank the Editorial Board of the Mary Manse Alumni News, past and present. She enjoys reading the news and the update stories of girls who were at MMC during the same time (1957-1961). Thank you for your work.

We extend our sympathy to **Rosalie Klepper Andrews '63** on the passing of her husband, Ed, in November 2021. Rosalie lives in Maryland and has one son and three grandsons. She feels very blessed as her family lives in California but came to visit and support her several times in spite of COVID. She always looks forward to our alumni newsletter.

Sheila Downey Sarkisian '63 writes that she keeps busy with painting and trips to California to visit family. She and her husband, Sam, have three children, a son-in-law, and one grandchild.

Catherine Ruen Heitz '64 volunteers at a local thrift store and at church. She will be a great-grandmother in December or January – baby due January 1st. She has two married sons and two grandchildren.

Sally Louise Holt '64 retired from many years as an audiologist in private practice and a Coordinator of Special Education in Ohio and in Papua, New Guinea as a missionary. She received her Master's degree in 1965 from Canisius College and her Doctorate degree in 1975 from Bowling Green State University. She also did post-doctoral work at St. Mary's, Indiana and McGill, Montreal. Her classmates graduated in 1961 but she was a part of the three-year Cadet Teaching Program.

Jane Conaway '66 wrote that she is a retired reading specialist.

In retirement, **Marsha Widmer Mathews '67** is a substitute teacher, does part-time daycare, and still finds time to read and bake. Her family includes five children, nine granddaughters, six grandsons, and two great-granddaughters.

Kathleen Couturier Metzger '68 is a retired RN and likes to knit, travel and read. She is also hockey and band grandparents with her husband, John.

Marianne Beins Vere '69 sends a huge THANK YOU to **Pat O'Hearn Shaw '70** and **Sheila Griffin Falkenberg '69** for decades of excellent and delightful Alumni News!

Ann Molony Desmond '71 writes that she is a retired RN; is widowed, has 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren!

Richard Kolhoff, who had the distinction of being the first male to be offered a scholarship at Mary Manse, passed away October 2, 2022.

Mary Manse Yearbooks Wanted

The Ursuline Convent Archives is in need of a yearbook from each of the following years: 1927 - 1945, 1953, 1954, 1975. If you have any that you are willing to give, please call Val Myers or Sr. Margaret Manion at the Ursuline Convent Offices at 419-536-9587.



Ursulines Celebrate Milestones in Religious Life

Congratulations to the following Ursuline Sisters who celebrated milestone Jubilees this past August.

70 Years

Sister Stephanie Helfrich
Sister Mary Jo Koudelka (deceased)
Sister Coletta McAllister

65 Years

Sister Mary Katherine Garvin
Sister Mary Alice Henkel

60 Years

Sister Margaret Manion

PBS Toledo Stories **Remembering Mary Manse College**

You may now view "Remembering Mary Manse College" by going online on your computer or iPad to www.wgte.org and search the title. For more information, contact Cathy Kamenca at: cathy_kamenca@wgte.org or call 419-380-4613.

A Note from Judy Biehler Miller '69:



Thank you to all those who helped in any way to make the 2022 MMC Alumni Mass and Luncheon a success.

From the honor class reps, alumni board, those who were able to attend, and especially to Val Myers, Michelle Scazzero and the Ursuline Sisters - THANK YOU! To be able to continue these celebrations 48 years after our college closed is a special gift from God!

Memories from the 1958 Brescian Yearbook

"Members of the Art Department offered their talents in decorating a tree for the International Christmas Tree Exhibit at the Toledo Zoological Park."

"'Teletactics,' which was written, produced and directed by students, under the guidance of Mr. Kenneth Holland, featured dancing, singing, skits, comedy, singing commercials, and chorus and solo numbers."

The Man in the Yellow Slicker

by Susan Masztak '63

He sat down next to me during a bus ride and set his dripping umbrella against the back of the seat in front of me. I greeted him with, "Sure has been raining a lot this year."

He agreed, "The weather can be worrisome and undeniably the climate is getting frightful."

In an attempt to make light of the rainfall, I offered, "We're not trees, we can move."

He faced me and with one gray eyebrow lifted he began a rant that I had not expected. "What are the choice destinations? Pick your disaster. Storm surging hurricanes? Violent clusters of tornados? Earth-breaking quakes? Racing shifting fires? Torrential flooding rains? Epoch-making snow and ice?"

He unbuckled his battered Sou'wester hat, laid it on his wet yellow oilskin raincoat lap, struggled to extract a tissue from his pocket, and wiped the water from his eyeglasses.

The urgency with which he wiped his glasses made me realize that I had activated some sort of rage within him. I was about to hear his theory of the demise of all the planets in our Solar System.

He placed his glasses on his nose and continued, "Most scientists believe that all the planets came into being at about the same time – between 4.5 – 4.6 billions of years ago. Suppose. Just suppose that all the planets had once had the verdant beauty and variety as Earth, with oceans, terrains, plants, animals, intelligent beings, but perhaps with different versions of civilized beings, evolving as we are... or were. Suppose that they had had animals unlike ours, but some wild and some gentle, some land bound, some aquatic. Suppose life had existed on each of the planets with flourishing flora, rocky mountains, rivers, lakes, and oceans of water, or maybe composed of some other life-sustaining liquid; and, of course, with some kind of life-sustaining atmosphere."

I must admit that his imagination had sparked my curiosity. He ranted on, "Suppose each planet had its own big bang theory or had an Adam and Eve with a Garden of Eden story who were given the consequential assignment of not only caring for each other, but also made stewards for their once perfect planet – immensely important missions. How'd that work out for them?"

I had no answer.

"I'll tell you," he added... "Venus was once much like our Earth. It has no living beings. It's a mystery what happened to her water. The water on Mars has eroded. Mars is cold. So is Neptune which is dark, windy, and icy. 'Some say it will end in ice.' This one did. Saturn's windy. Over 1,000 mph. Its atmosphere is helium, good for filling birthday balloons, but not a safe place for a birthday party. Juniper spins too fast to be able to stand on it, faster than Mercury, the smallest planet and it's still shrinking. Mercury has no moons. Mars has two. Juniper has eighty. Saturn has eighty-three. I find that curious." He stopped talking for a moment and rolled his eyes. "Few even mention Pluto and Uranus any more. Now just suppose that these planets were gifts of a Creator, or God forbidden experiment, whose inhabitants had been given free will, just as we've been given, but failed to take their tasks of taking care of those gifts seriously and successfully. Had they yielded to the evils of their time that are now rampant in our world? I don't have to tell you what they are..."

But he did.

"... mass murders, pandemics, wars – oh, so many wars, racism, corruption, profiteering, economic arrogance, perennial progress that fails to respect our Earth, arrogance of power, and, oh yes, deceit followed by despair. Had they failed their missions? They left no recorded history behind."

When at last he took a breath, I quickly inserted, "What about our contributions? We invent things."



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The Man in the Yellow Slicker, continued

We build things. We cure diseases. We educate our children. We write books. We make art. There's a lot to be said for our civilization."

"Pshaw!" he snickered.

"Suppose. Just suppose that you are being overly fatalistic with your nightmarish theories."

"No, I'm being realistic. Oh, here's my stop." He pushed his stone graying hair away from his eyes, buckled himself into his hat, grabbed his umbrella, and with an unexpected, "Have a nice day," he exited the bus and disappeared into the pouring rain.

Left to quiet thoughts of my own, I recalled Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato Si," urging all people of the world to unite in order to save the planet, and his unforgettable comment – "Nature is screaming."*

I thought of Emily's positivity – "Hope is a thing with feathers that perches in the soul." But also Frost's dubiousness – "Ice is nice and will suffice." Will they both play out over time?

By the time I reached my destination, the rain had stopped. I stepped off the bus into a puddle immersing my feet in my already soaked sneakers. The sun was now shining. I looked up in silent wonderment at the radiant hues in an arc against a clearing blue sky, the token of the covenant between God and all living creatures.

* "The Letter: A Message for Our Earth" (2022)
Documentary available on Prime Video

Postscript

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

2 Corinthians 4: 8-9



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May They Rest in Peace



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Claude Lagace

We'd love to hear from our Alumni!

Many have told us that "Over Hill... Over Dale" is the first part of the newsletter they read when it arrives in their mailbox. Maybe you would like to share something for the next issue? Please send in your news and updates to Val Myers at vmyers@ursulinecenter.org.



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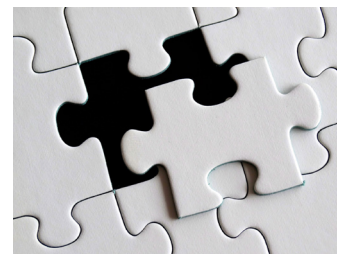
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From Pat Shaw '70 Treasury Donations

Donations from the Mary Manse Alumni Association went to two organizations. A \$500 donation was made in 2022 to the Ursuline Sisters in honor of their 168th year. In addition, a \$500 donation was granted in 2023 to the Children's Theater Workshop that is held in the former Convent's auditorium.

Memories from the 1963 Brescian Yearbook

Mary Manse resident students, girls from large cities and small towns, made their homes this year as in the past in Lourdes, The Administration Building, Mt. Carmel and Madonna Halls. Anticipation and hope for the new dormitory increased in February when the construction began. Everyone was excited about the new addition to the campus and was very happy to heed the orders of the Dean to take the long way around to the dining halls.



Memories from the 1968 Brescian Yearbook

It was a memorable day for the faculty, Mary Manse student body and fellow Toledoans when the new Mary Manse College library was dedicated on May 31, 1967. The renovated structure, located on Parkwood and Delaware Avenue, is an edifice which blends the serenity and dignity of the former Epworth Methodist Church architecture with the modern styling and efficiency of a much needed library.

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