

Mary Manse Alumni News

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FALL 2021

THE MMC ALUMNI MASS AND LUNCHEON FOR 2020 and 2021

WILL BE ON **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021**

**St. Ursula Academy
4025 Indian Rd. 43606**

Mass at 11 am Luncheon at Noon

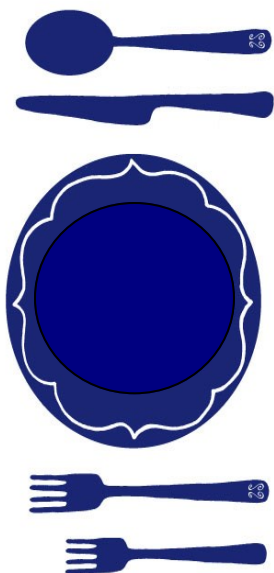
See the Reservation Form on page 9

Honor Classes

Classes which end in '5, '6 or '0, '1

"Remembering Mary Manse College"

A PBS production, will be shown.



Sometimes I wish that I had a sister.
She'll never know how much I've missed her.
But, wait! I have many, not only one.
My counting them has just begun.
They hail from many places- here's just a few:
Mexico, Puerto Rico, India, Peru,
Argentina, China, the USA, too.
We all had sat under those blossoming trees,
Dreaming of our future bright biographies.
Friendships formed endured with each passing year.
We affirm this, whether far away or near,
When we meet each year to trade our developing news,
And by mail, text, or phone, whatever contact we choose.
Although from different graduating classes,
Together always we will raise our glasses,
Toasting to cherished college days we've shared to enjoy,
As well as to the sisterhood bond that time cannot destroy.
Never underestimate the value of having and being a sister
Or of having the good fortune to never being sad to say, "I've missed her."

Good Fortune

By Susan Masztak '63





Beverly Domalski '53

Beverly was a great example
of a Mary Manse Graduate.
Her degree was in Art.

"I got to know Beverly when she was a member
of the Alumni Board."

"However, I heard about her much earlier."

Peg Palmer O'Hearn '61 with Kathy Palmer Genzman '63

Beverly was teaching at Jones when Kathy met her
and then she took classes from her and would talk
about how helpful she was in the teaching of Art in
the Public Schools. (Back then, the teachers taught
all the subjects including Art.)

Beverly became an Art Supervisor for the Toledo
Public Schools. She would demonstrate in various
schools. She produced all kinds of printouts with
ideas for projects for the teachers. She gave out all
kinds of examples and suggestions the teachers
could use for every season and enjoyed seeing their
success. The print outs are still being used.

In her retirement, Beverly taught adults in a variety
of media: batik, painting, and some three-
dimensional work. Beverly died on April 6, 2021.

ALUMNI May They Rest in Peace



Sr. Mary Immaculata Louy, OP '46
Charlotte Nachazel Donovan '47
Ellen Adams Poca '48
Sr. Elizabeth (Liz) Brell, OSU '49
JoAnn Lautermilch Homan '52
Beverly Domalski '53
Florence Heilman Muenzer '55
Virginia Zelling Kehr '65
Sr. Mary Maurus Labadie, SND
Sr. Mary Mara Bennett, SND
Barbara Krzewinski '66
Phyllis Mikolajczyk Napierala '72
Dorothy Perz Langenderfer, assoc.
Barbara Claire Rochelle, assoc.

SISTER

Anne Heilman Vanderhooven '59
Loretta Heilman Seitz '60
Martha Heilman McKenzie '65

BROTHER

Susan Masztak '63
Sue Camp Dunne '61

MOTHER

Ursula Cauffiel Newman '75

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Fr. Robert Wilhelm

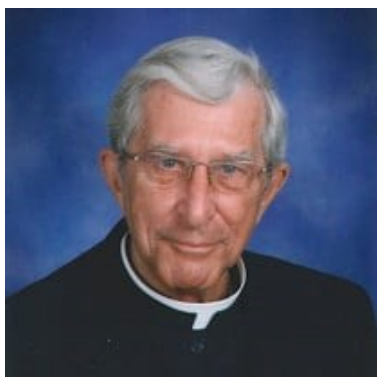


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Mary Jim Sheets Stahl '67
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Rev. Robert Wilhelm



For many of us who mourn the recent passing of Fr. Bob on March 11, 2021, he made a great impact on our lives as a teacher, counselor and friend. Father was known for his

courses on theology and his ability to make the words of scripture come alive while at Mary Manse. In his early years of seminary life and priesthood, he was influenced by the Jesuit theologian, scientist, philosopher and paleontologist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin who developed the theory that man is evolving mentally and socially toward a final spiritual unity with God. He shared his thoughts to his students in teaching theology. Though sometimes difficult to understand, he was always approachable and no question was not worthy of his time. Many of his students and parishioners have often said Fr. Bob opened the words of the gospel to them so they were able to grasp the meaning of the words.

After his days at Mary Manse, he continued to meet with 5 bible study groups - young and old for many years on a monthly basis while shepherding parishes as their pastor. He also made time for anyone who wanted to talk among them, priest, parishioners, friend and stranger. He often said he learned from them as well and it helped him to gain further insights into the study of the relationship of the earthly to the super earthly and the Cosmic Christ, again all things evolving into a perfect union with Jesus Christ, the son of the living God. Despite Fr. Bob's failing health, he continued to see those who sought his counsel and conversation right up to the last days of his life. May the Lord welcome him into his heavenly kingdom for his faithfulness to his word throughout his lifetime and his willingness to share it with us.

OVER HILL...OVER DALE....

HERE IS WHAT WAS IN THE MAIL

Joan Lehner Connors '67 writes that she has "a very fond memory of Sr. Lelia, OSU, dean, who welcomed me with open arms."

I have discovered some treasures. My mother Gertrude Miller Schwab, graduated from MMC in 1931. I have her diploma, all in Latin, a yearbook that included St John College and other things that would make a good story. I would like to help write it. Ninety years is a long time ago. **Margaret Schwab Okuley '63**

In February 2021, Black History Month was celebrated with the 31st Annual Toledo Symphony Concert hosted by St. Martin de Porres Church. During this event, was the presentation of the St. Katharine Drexel Award which was given to Arthur Jones, Jr. and his wife, .

Ellen Garrison Jones '72 served in many positions in Lucas County before her retirement and is presently the convener for the Black Catholic Ministry Advisory Council of the Diocese of Toledo.

Toledo's St. Catherine of Siena parish has a newly renovated space for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in their church. On the front of the space is a mosaic that was created by **Sister Jane Mary Sorosiak, OSF '53**. She has done all of the murals found in this space.

In April 2021, Toledo Channel 13 News did a story on Holy Trinity School in Swanton, Ohio celebrating 50 years of their school musicals. This year's musical starred all of the students in the school. They also, honored the founder of this tradition, our own talented alumna, **Charlotte Gleckler Kreuz '55**.

The Ursuline Center has closed. These Ursuline Sisters moved to:

**Rosary Care Center
6832 Convent Blvd.
Sylvania, OH 43560**

Sr. Margaret Anne Carstensen - Room #408
Sr. Mary Angela Gaietto - Room #212
Sr. Pat Grosse - Room #406
Sr. Ann Marie McManus - Room #407
Sr. Kenwyn Steger - Room #409
Sr. Mary Ellen Nagle - Room #307

This Group of Women Shared a Common Commitment

After 28 years as an Ursuline, I left the convent in 1988 and taught in Toledo Public Schools for 15 years. During that time I took care of my mother until she died in 1995. I retired in 2003.

Travel began with family camping trips in the U.S. and then expanded to foreign adventures after my mother died. Travel was always a pleasure because of people I met, different cultures, and my life-long love of nature.

Trips include locations around the world (64 countries) including a safari in Krueger National Park in Africa, four trips to Rome, 25 cruises on different size ships to places such as Argentina, the Falklands, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Germany, Norway, the Baltic Sea, Turkey (Istanbul, Ephesus), Greece (Athens), Egypt (Cairo, Alexandria), Cuba, the Caribbean Islands, Japan (Tokyo), Canada (Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec City), Costa Rica, Asia (Dubai, Singapore, Doha, Qatar, India), the South Pacific, and Iceland.

Covid has cancelled five planned cruises; hope remains for an October 27-day cruise from South Hampton to NYC.

Mary Ellen Say '57

After graduating from Mary Manse College in 1960, I entered the Toledo Ursuline Community. During my 22 years as Sister Frances Cabrini, I taught elementary, secondary and college classes. I also worked for the Toledo Diocese as Coordinator of Liturgy Education, visiting parishes around the diocese helping implement the liturgical renewal mandated by Vatican II. Upon departing religious life in 1982, I moved to the Twin Cities area of Minnesota and worked as a Director of Liturgy and Music at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Cottage Grove. During this time I was also a Liturgy/theology instructor at St. Paul's Seminary in St. Paul as well as a member of the Archdiocesan Worship Commission.

In 1982 I returned to Toledo, Ohio where I became the liturgy/music director at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church. I remained in the position until 19 years later. During those 19 years, I also was liturgy instructor at St. Meinrad Seminary for three summers. After returning from a full-time position, the next several years I subbed at various

parish schools in the area, including Little Flower and St. John XXIII.

In 2009, I moved back to my home town of Fremont, Ohio. I began playing the organ for Zion Lutheran Church in Gibsonburg, Ohio. In 2013, I became choir director at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Fremont, the parish of my birth and childhood. Most recently I have returned to Zion Lutheran Church in Gibsonburg.

In my so-called retirement, I also work at an exercise place, three half-days a week. It has benefitted my own will to exercise. I play bridge, bingo, go to the casino occasionally and spend important time with family and friends. I have been blessed with good health, so life is very rewarding.

I remember my Mary Manse days with fondness and attribute those four wonderful years of laying the foundation for the years that would follow.

Fran Benlein '60

After nine years in the Ursuline Convent, I left the order in 1969 and continued to teach in Toledo at St. Catherine's School. Soon after, I married and we moved to Findlay, OH where I volunteered for handicapped children. I also substituted in the Catholic grade school.

After two years, we moved to Columbus, OH where I taught in a preschool for four years. My husband at the time worked for Ohio Bell. AT & T had formed a subsidiary with the government of Iran to update their communications. My husband applied. We lived there for 14 months until the Shah was deposed. Before that we were fortunate to travel to Russia, Egypt, and Thailand, as well as Singapore.

Living in Tehran was unforgettable. We traveled within the country too. We were sorry to leave under such unfortunate circumstances..

My husband's next employment took us to Atlanta, GA. We lived over in Marietta, GA for 23 years. I taught at a private school for most of that time, mainly middle school..

We loved camping! We graduated from tents to trailers with slide-outs. We were able to visit every state.

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Circumstances necessitated my return to Toledo in 2003. At that time I substitute taught in various school systems. My last teaching position was in a charter school, teaching kindergarten. I loved it! What a change from middle school! After 4 years, I finally retired but continued to volunteer at that school and some others.

My immediate family lives in Toledo which is unusual in this day and age. We are close knit for which I am extremely grateful. My days are sedentary for the most part. My sister and I play Scrabble often. I love to read and garden. Watching TV is a must.

If I have left anything out, be grateful! I didn't mean to be so longwinded.

Sincerely, **Katherine Borer Bradley '70**

Graduated MMC in 1968. I entered the Ursuline Convent on 1-1-61, I left the order in June 1971.

At the time of leaving the Ursulines, I was principal of St. Agnes Elementary School in West Toledo. The parish has since closed. Thanks to the grace of God and an open-minded pastor and school council, I continued on as principal. There was simply a name change: Sister Barbara to Miss Barbara.

In 1979 I became employed by Toledo Public Schools (TPS). By this time, I had an MA in Educational Administration and 17 years experience in Toledo Catholic Schools. TPS had received a grant to open junior high math labs to support the 7th and 8th graders. Since this was a new venture, TPS was looking for someone with teaching and administrative experience. I had both and was hired. I spent 17 years at the Old West End Junior High School. Teaching remedial math and regular 7th grade math. Yes, this was a challenge for many reasons. My partner and I did see and experience success, though. We really worked with those young people.

In 1996 I transferred to Byrnedale Junior High. My college BA minor in Social Studies and I have always loved these studies. I taught 7th grade Social Studies for 8 years. My students would say, "You really like this stuff, don't you?"

I retired from TPS in 2004. After 42 years in education, I am enjoying the slower life. It is wonderful to sleep later; as an educator I got up at 5:30 a.m. I am joyful that that is in the past. I read a lot and am

very interested in politics and my country. It is a shame our leaders do not seek me out once in a while. I believe I could give them some good advice. I live with my 7 year old Shih Tzu named Koko.

I have never regretted my 10 years as an Ursuline and I have never regretted my return to lay life.

Barb Schmiedebusch '68

(Some reflections on life after the convent) In March 1976 after fifteen years with the Ursulines, I returned to the life of a lay person, armed only with my bachelors degree in music from MMC and a masters in music from the University of Michigan.

Thanks to the opportunity I had at Mary Manse to take some graduate courses in English, (my second great love) I also acquired a teaching field in English. Remarkably, this minor addition to my resume provided me with an immediate part-time job-teaching English composition to UAW workers in Michigan. Several years later, it also equipped me to serve as editorial director at a religious publishing house in Lima, Ohio. Thank you MMC and the English department.

In 1979 I married John Grossman. Christopher Grossmann came along in 1980. We have spent these many years in Akron, Ohio where John started a landscape architectural firm and I have been immersed in the church, serving as director of liturgy and music at St. Hilary Church for 27 years, and now liturgist/musician for the Dominican sisters.

Retirement has given John and me the time to pursue our passion for social justice. We have been involved with an interfaith justice committee, formed by four faith communities: Jewish, Lutheran, Baptist, Catholic. The experience has been life-changing. We are also working with an inner city Catholic grade school, 80% poverty, minority, single parent families. We have been truly blessed!

Mary Lou Buyakie Grossman '66

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2020 MMC Honor Class Reps

1950-70 years

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1965-55 years

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1961-60 years

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1971-50 years

Skip Schroeder Sobczak

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1976-45 years

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Highlights of my math teaching career are the year spent at Ramstein Air Base in Germany and several more years at Central Catholic in Toledo. The Ramstein year allowed travel in Europe and the near east. Then I returned to Toledo and became an Ursuline, but left after 13 years to pursue a Ph. D. in the teaching of mathematics at the University of Toledo.

After retiring I became a quilter. I learned to quilt by hand, but explored quilting by machine—free motion, we call it. I taught at local quilt shops and used my math background to create my own patterns.

After my husband died, I learned to work outside, nurturing flowers and vegetables. I've just invested in a battery powered mower so I can cut my grass. I've been walking a mile every day; I might as well walk behind a self-powered mower. So, I mow and sew and knit, grateful to be well and, so far, independent.

Anne Irmen Tompkins, '57

I was a part of the group of former sisters when I lived in Toledo. Mary Ellen asked me to come to the May 4 meeting, but it is a long drive from Rochester, NY so I am sending you some info to use or not use as you see fit after your meeting on May 4. Thank you for all you do with your team to keep the alumni interacting. I graduated in 67 but should have been earlier, but we were sent out teaching with the cadet certificate early on.

After 15 years as an Ursuline sister teaching in area grade schools and four years in theology and English at St. Ursula, I left the order and moved to Minnesota to work as a religious educator in a local parish. I met my husband Everett there and we stayed for twelve years and the birth of two children. We then moved to Kalamazoo for Ev's work and I worked as a Director of Religious Ed for three years before returning to St. Ursula. I worked the rest of my career as principal and then president of St. Ursula. After retiring in 2010, I volunteered in Toledo area. When my husband retired in

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021

INCOME

Member Dues.....\$3,085.00

Interest..... \$1.06

TOTAL INCOME.....\$3,086.06

EXPENSES

Newsletters/Mailings.....\$1,692.88

Charitable gifts.....\$750.00

TOTAL EXPENSES.....\$2,442.88

Beginning Balance.....10,708.48

Income.....+\$3,086.06

\$13,794.54

Expenses.....-2,442.88

Ending Balance.....\$11,351.66

2014, we moved to Rochester to be close to our daughter and family and closer to our son and family in Greenwich, Ct. We have six grandchildren and wanted them to know us. It has been life-giving in many ways. Until the pandemic, my husband and I facilitated a grief support program at our parish and I worked part-time helping at weekend liturgies. We have stayed home and grateful for our lives and health during this difficult time. We are grateful for each day.

This group of women shared a common commitment both in and out of the convent. It was always good to be together.

Thank you, Jane Connors Charette '67



MMC 51st 1970 Class Reunion

-Social Gathering **Saturday October 9, 2021**

-Mass and Luncheon **October 10, 2021**

-You will be notified of the details in August. Contact person: Marie Rellinger Miller
419-235-2897

tandm2008@livecom.

Request to join our Facebook page-MMC
That 70's Class and Friends

ATTENTION

Class of 1971

Please join us for our

50 year reunion

on

Sunday, October 10, 2021

at

St. Ursula Academy

11:00 am Mass

**luncheon follows
(reservation form on page 9)**

**Let's celebrate this milestone with
a large number of alums from
our class.**

**Remember the class donation
to the Ursuline Sisters.**

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PBS Toledo Stories



**Remembering
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station are \$20 if picking up
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mailed.

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Mary Manse Alumni Banquet Reservation Form

Name _____

First _____ Maiden _____ Last _____ Class (or class
with which you'd like to sit) _____

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Name of Guest _____

PLEASE! Reservations by September 25, 2021 PLEASE!

Make checks payable to: **Mary Manse Alumni**



Number of persons attending ____ @ \$25 each

Showing of *Toledo Stories-*
Remembering Mary Manse College
after Business Meeting

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