

TidBytes – May 2021

CHM internal community news to CHM sisters, associates, and staff

Des Moines – S. Jeanie Hagedorn

It has been a JOY to celebrate Easter time with more Spring-like weather and the greening of the Earth! Serrans delighted the Sisters of Des Moines with home delivery of colorful Begonia plants, little gifts and their thoughtful remembrance in gratitude for our years of ministry to the diocese. We look forward to an anticipated in-person dinner with them again next year.

The Sisters of the Diocese are also invited to celebrate Mass and Renewal of Vows with Bishop Joensen the last Sunday of May at St. Ambrose Cathedral. Mass will be followed by dinner together at St. Ambrose.

Srs. Elaine and Jeanie Hagedorn are grateful for the thoughts and prayers offered for their surgeries and recovery the third week of May. They continue to spend much of their “self-isolation” on peace and justice efforts, spirituality webinars, pastoral phone calls, and virtual funerals of friends. Like everyone else, they enjoy seeing CHMs and associates at Zoom community gatherings and the LCWR Region X series “Exploring Intersections”. May’s issue was on Migration. June’s topic is Racial Justice. Prayers are truly needed right now for peace between Israel and Palestine and an end to the violence. We need a new Pentecost! Come, Holy Spirit!

Bishop Drumm Center – S. Micheline Curtis

Sisters having visitors: Sister Mary Ann Aman: priest and friends from State Center, Sister Virginia Bartholome, niece Pat from Kansas City, Sister Micheline Curtis, brother Tim from Aledo, Sister Ramona Kaalberg, brother Gayle and sister in law, Carol from Nichols, Sister Joan LeBeau, friend from Des Moines.

Nurse Audrey who has been nurse in Sisters’ wing since it first opened, retired. She was there for 102 different CHM sisters.

Pat Rothamel has returned to conduct her “Current Events” discussion with residents.

Mary Routh and husband Roger are visiting daughter, son-in-law, and 1yr. old granddaughter in Bozeman, Mt.

Humility of Mary Center – S. Mary Rehmann

CHMs and staff at HMC enjoyed a wonderful brunch on Mother’s Day with a new “Sweet berry croissant casserole” on the menu. Some enjoyed the “spring Sangria” or another drink of their choice. Because it was birthday Sunday too, the fancy cupcakes from associate Jan Stewart and her husband were served along with colorful rainbow sherbet. To honor their mothers, the Stewarts, again, gave each sister a beautiful white rose in a bud vase. They also donated two large bouquets of white and blue flowers for the chapel.

Shirley Crull, niece of Sr. Lillian Stevens, sent 48 dresses she had made for little girls to be given away by the sisters. Her goal is to make 100 of them. She uses colorful cotton fabrics and a simple over-the-head pattern. Shirley has visited the Center in the past and hopes to come again some day.

On-site events began at **Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat this month** and some continue to be available virtually as well. On May 20, United Nations World Bee Day, OLPR live-streamed on its Facebook page a tour of its 6 on-site beehives cared for by Bob “Bee-Man” Roe. Viewers were welcomed by Communications Director, Lisa Martin, who offered narrative as Roe explained what could be seen on the “flats” removed from a hive. He “captured” a queen to mark with a white dot on the back for easy identification and explained “swarming”.

Large bouquets of peony-like pink artificial flowers were placed on either side of the **“Sisters of Humility” headstone in Mt. Calvary cemetery** in mid-May and will remain for a week after Memorial Day. The peonies in St. Joseph Court have been large and beautiful, thanks to rain and warm weather. Bouquets of them and of colorful iris have decorated the community room.

Pentecost was celebrated “out loud” with organ music and singing at the 10:00 Mass. Some of us definitely felt the need to practice using our voices again in this manner as we were pretty “raspy”. Red carnations and fabric panels on the altar added color and many sisters found red to wear as well. We missed the multi-language contributions of the past due, in part, to short notice for planning. All of our Vietnamese sisters are gone for the summer except for Sr. Nuong who will return on June 1 to study here.

We are glad to have CHMs and associates from the area attending Mass and staying for meals, although still sitting separately.

Residents look forward to a program about the 2021 Kennedy Center Honors that will be shown on CBS stations on Sunday, June 6. Those recognized in the 43rd presentation are singers Garth Brooks and Joan Baez, choreographer Debbie Allen, comedian Dick Van Dyke, and violinist Midori. Usually presented in December, the Honors were postponed until May 21 and held in the Kennedy Center’s opera house.

Wednesday movies in May included “Loving” about the interracial couple whose case resulting in the finding of a constitutional right to marry the person of one’s choice, without consideration of race. Many sisters enjoyed “The Zookeeper’s Wife” about a Polish family who ran a local zoo in Warsaw, and who re-directed it to provide meat to the occupying Germans and to enable Jews to escape the ghetto.

The Region X “Exploring Intersections” episode in May was on “Migration”. The June 9 episode will be on “Racism”. Sisters are finding these programs well prepared and informative.

Administration – Kelly Bell

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