



TidBytes –September 2022

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

Administration – Kelly Bell

Save the Date: Welcoming Ritual for **Jennifer Hager's** entrance into the CHM Affiliate Phase: October 11, 10:30 am. Magnificat Chapel, and on Zoom

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Lisa Martin is retiring as CHM Communications Director. **Joyce Bieber** will assume the communication duties along with her current position as Development Director.

Des Moines – Sr. Jeanie Hagedorn

On today's (9-21) International Peace Day we pray and do what we can to move our world closer to making peace a reality! And in a few short weeks we will be voting in the mid-term national, state and local elections. This may be the *most critical election* of our lifetime! I really urge everyone to be sure you are registered to vote (new address?) and, if you are voting *absentee*, to get your ballot requested before the deadline ... Iowa has a number of changes this year! For example, a *request* for an Iowa absentee ballot must *be received* by Oct. 24. *Returned* absentee ballots must be *received* by November 8. There is much more information available (and an opportunity to register) online. There are, likewise, many good resources for guidance on *issues* so we can be informed voters (e.g. NETWORK, the Catholic Social Justice Lobby in D.C.) (www.networklobby.org).

Sr. Cathy Talarico is continuing a commitment she and her sister, Joanne, have faithfully fulfilled for many years. She spent the weekend at the Homeless Veterans Stand Down event supporting those who have served our country.

Volunteers provide free meals, healthcare, counseling, clothing and haircuts. This year in spite of heavy rain and wind and limited staff, the volunteer hair stylists in Cathy's tent were able to give 73 haircuts. Good work, Cathy!

Humility of Mary Center Sr. Mary Rehmman

Feast of the Holy Cross was anticipated on Sunday, September 11, when the Eucharist included hymns and other commemorations for our Vietnamese Sisters Hoa, Huyen, Nguyet, and Nuong, all members of The Daughters of the Holy Cross. The menu included Vietnamese dishes, prepared by local friends of the sisters, who were guests of the community for the event. The sisters are all busy with their classes

The Quad-City River Bandits loss by 4 – 2 to the Peoria Chiefs was the only disappointment on a perfect evening at the riverfront Modern Woodman Stadium. Shelley had great cooperation from team managers in accommodating our physical and personal needs. Sisters and staff had \$20 gift cards for food and drink, rides on the Merry-go-round and Ferris wheel were “free”, and outstanding fireworks completed the evening. Would you believe 6 people could sit in one basket on the Ferris wheel??

On September 14 we anticipated Mexican Independence Day with a delicious taco lunch and “fried” ice cream for dessert. Colorful decorations were on the dining room tables.

Sisters and associates gathered –in-person and online for a discussion of the associate relationship on September 17. Following prayer in honor of mystic Hildegard of Bingen, and some of her music, small groups discussed what is special about our relationship now and wanted in the future. Those who continued to the dining

room heard Bible stories “with variations” from words previously inserted in response to requests for various parts of speech, without knowing the context.

Sr. Roberta Brich enjoyed a visit from her sisters, Josie and Jeanette, from western Iowa. They updated friendships from pre-COVID days, admired the lush grounds and flowers that were a contrast to their own dry fields, and applauded our wonderful meals. They raved about Kurt’s educational tour around the Prairie property.

The “water feature” in the Court, in memory of Srs. Carla and Maribeth Takes, is a popular destination for turtle doves and other birds, and little ground squirrels that scamper from under the porch, all for a drink. The appearance of the “wolf” caused St. Joseph Court to be off-bounds until it could be captured by Animal Control officers.

September 21 is commemorated annually by Sr. Catherine, Don and Donnie Linnenkamp. It is their father’s birthdate, and anniversary of the deaths of siblings John and Sarah (Sally), who was Sr. Catherine’s twin. After remembering them in the Chapel, they went to St. Joseph’s Court where they shared pictures in which they identified family and friends, recalled the occasion, and shared memories, often with laughs and, even, tears.

Warm September days, even record-breaking in the 80s, and colorful moss rose, zinnias, and now-blooming sedum, invite walking in the court at any time of the day. With the passage of the fall equinox, and Daylight Savings Time still in effect, evening light is shorter each night.

It wasn’t Mother’s Day but HMC residents had bud vases with single white roses delivered to their rooms one day. We learned that HY-VEE had “extras” and chose to share them with us. “Brit” fans consumed “all-things-Queen Elizabeth II” following her death. Many choices from her historic period in that role were available to view and/or read. Questions remain about King Charles III who has to follow “her act”.

Bishop Drumm Center **Kim, Pat, Barb, Jennifer**

Good news: We welcome Pat Rothamel back from her medical leave! Yay!!

Sr. Jeanette Kopel's sister and brother-in-law, (Kathy and John) came from Cincinnati, Ohio, to visit Jeanette on September 14-15. Jeanette's birthday is September 26, and their time together was a wonderful early birthday gift!



Sister Jeanette, John, and Kathy

Bishop Visits BDRC

Every year the Bishop Drumm Retirement Center Guild invites the Bishop to celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Peace Chapel at Bishop Drumm. This year the celebration was held on Tuesday, September 15.



Close up of the joy on the faces of Sisters Dorothy and Joan visiting with Bishop Joensen.

The Most Rev. William M. Joensen, tenth bishop of the Des Moines Diocese celebrated Mass for the residents of Bishop Drumm. The Sisters of Humility were especially joyed by the Bishop's visit.

It was reported that Sr. Virginia Mary Bartholome asked the Bishop, "Aren't you going to give me a blessing?" He did, and it was beautiful.

Photo 1 (below): Bishop Joensen and Sr. Virginia Mary Bartholome, our oldest sister of Humility

Photo 2: Bishop Joensen and our second oldest sister, Rosalia Riedel and our CHM care coordinator, Jennifer Worley. Jennifer and the Bishop both graduated from Iowa State in 1982.

Photo 3: Bishop Joensen and Sisters Cathleen Real and Kayleen Heffron.

Photo 4: Bishop Joensen and Sisters Dorothy Chevalier and Joan LeBeau. (See also the close-up on page 2.)

