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*Celebrating 85 years
of ministry in California!*

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From the Leadership Office...

Dear Friends -

How does one write 85 years of history on a half page of paper? Since it is practically impossible, below is a brief synopsis.

On August 29, 1926, seven Daughters of Mary and Joseph arrived at St. Augustine, Culver City. As you probably already know, within the first ten years, this young, new community opened two additional schools, one in San Francisco and one in Westwood.

In the past 85 years we have staffed many schools on both the elementary and high school levels. We helped staff a House of Prayer for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and of course, we continue to minister in our very own Retreat Center. Our Sisters have served in many capacities – college professors, counselors, religious education, parish ministries, and health care.

It is with great joy and gratitude that we count the blessings that we have received from God as we look back on 85 years of devoted service to God's people.

In sharing with you a brief reflection of the past, we look forward to continuing "to share the mission of Christ, that all may be one". In this mission, we count on you, our friends and benefactors, as one of the many blessings God has bestowed on us. We have touched each other in both your and our ministries. We ask God to shower many graces and blessings on you. Hopefully you will be able to join us on Sunday, August 28, 2011 at 2:30 pm in St. Augustine Church, Culver City, as we celebrate the 85th Anniversary of our foundation in California.

Love and prayers –

Sisters Sheila Collins, Kitty Moloney, and Christina O'Connor

Our Mission:

We are an international community of vowed religious women. We are committed to deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ. This relationship manifests itself as an individual and corporate response to the needs of today's world. Our mission is to be a compassionate, joyful presence enabling those to whom we minister to recognize their value and dignity. We are dedicated to sharing the merciful love of God with all who experience brokenness or poverty in any form.

Our Vision:

"Be there for the whole Church, be there as a pardoned sinner who has found peace and rejoices in the merciful love of God."

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Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of the world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;

for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for which his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer/ Book of Divine Worship

“The Daughters of Mary and Joseph entered the California borders in 1926. They came from everywhere, but all entered with the same mission in mind... TO MINISTER TO ANYONE AND EVERYONE. Their hands have served; their hearts have loved; their voices have sung; their spirits have shared the messages of the good will with all.” (Parent)



Celebrating 85 Golden Years in the Golden State!

Banning—Brentwood— Camarillo— Carlsbad— Carpinteria -Cloverdale— Culver City— Delano— El Segundo- Goleta—
La Crescenta— Lake San Marcos— Lancaster— Los Angeles— Mill Valley— Montrose— Pacific Grove— Paramount—
Playa Del Rey— Rancho Palos Verdes— Riverside— San Francisco— San Jose— San Luis Obispo— Santa Barbara—
Santa Maria— Santa Rosa— Sepulveda— Sunnyvale— Torrance— Ukiah— Westwood

We continue "to share the Mission of Christ,
that all may be one" .

Constitutions #34

Renée Bauerly
Theresa Mary Berry
Peggy Bradley
Clare Miriam Briody
Nuala Briody
Lois Claiborne
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Julia Costello
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Mary Enda Creegan
Mary Rose Creegan
Karen Marie
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Catherine Sullivan
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Palos Verdes – Celebrating 80 years, 2006
The DMJs today continue to share in the mission of Christ that all may be one.

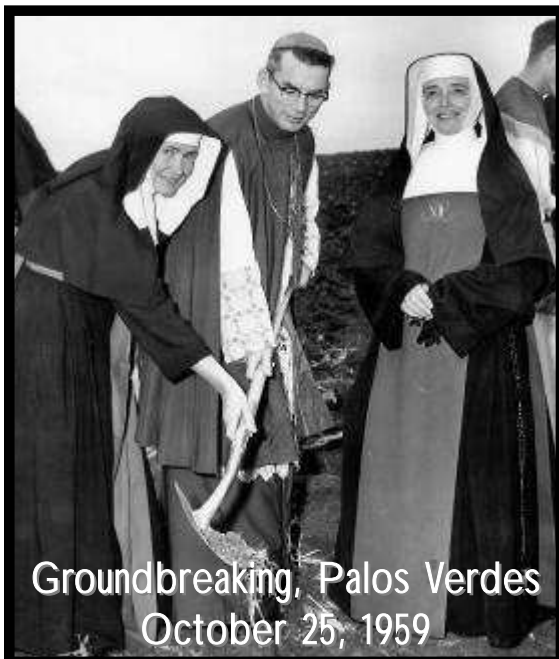
Those who instruct others in the
way of justice will shine as stars
for all eternity.

-Daniel 12:3

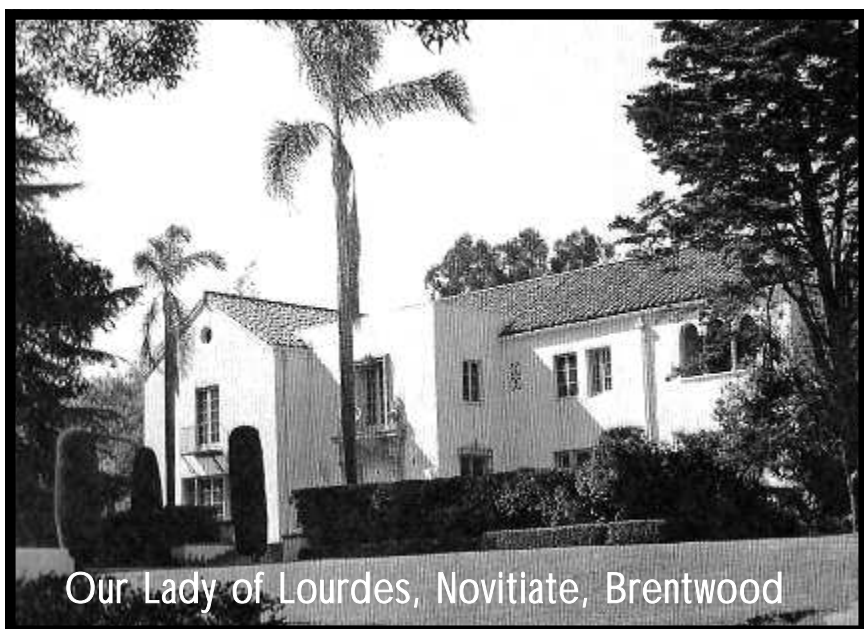
Honoring those that have gone before us:

Frederica O'Leary
Wilfrida Harrison
M. Antoinette Leesberg
Modiwna O'Driscoll
Mary Loyola McCarthy
Mary Lucy Baker
Mary Patricia Lehane
Mary Philomena McCarthy
Mary Aquinas O'Connor
James Mooney
Mary Aidan McCarthy
Mary Ignatius Foley
Mary Agnes O'Callaghan
Mary Frances O'Connor
Mary Stanislaus Sullivan
Mary Viator (Sheila) Walsh
Mary Carmel Rosney
Marie Chantal (Eileen) Cotter
Mary Kevin Fleming
Mary Josephine Leyne
Mary Finbar Mulcahy
Mary Aloysius Cotter
Mary Benedict Day
Mary Bonaventure (Johanna) Leahy
Mary Catherine (Hannah) Herlihy

Mary Gemma (Kathleen) Herlihy
Mary Christina Punch
Thomas Marie (Jean) King
Mary Fidelis (Dolores) Thompson
Mary Antonia (Theresa) Knapp
Mary Anne Peterson
Mary Oliver (Anne Margaret) Butler
Mary Concepta (Mary Kate) O'Reilly
Columba Marie (Anna Mary) Reilly
Mary Danielle Rush
Bridget Johnson
Mary Carthage (Una) McLynn
Mary Victoria (Kathleen) Flynn
Mary Colum (Brigid) Brady
Ita Maria (Noreen) Rahilly
Finbar Marie (Elizabeth) Cronin
Mary Dolores Corry
Mary Pascal (Eileen) Cronin
Agnes Baranyanka
Regina Marian O'Curneen
Mary Corita (Pauline) Knapp
Sheila Tellis
Sheila O'Connor
Donna King
Eleanor Helmes



Groundbreaking, Palos Verdes
October 25, 1959



Our Lady of Lourdes, Novitiate, Brentwood



First DMJ Convent in Culver City

For 85 years the Daughters of Mary and Joseph have lived, worked, and ministered throughout the state of California. Please join us in celebrating this accomplishment on Sunday, August 28th at St. Augustine's Parish. Following the mass there will be a reception for all to attend. We truly hope to see you there as we celebrate the wonderful years we have spent in California.

COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

Mass at St. Augustine Church
Sunday, August 28th, 2011 2:30PM

St. Augustine's
10195 Washington Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90232

Reception to follow in the
parish hall.



*Please RSVP before
August 19th!*

Mail this form in the enclosed
envelope.

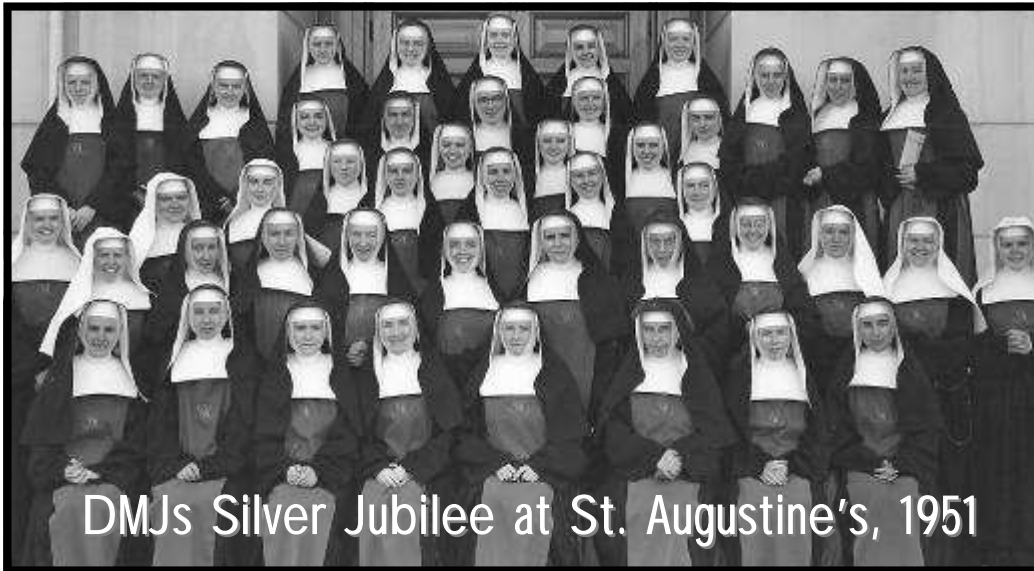
Daughters of Mary and Joseph
5300 Crest Road
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
ATTN: 85th CELEBRATION



YES! I will be attending. Number of guests _____

Name(s): _____

Through the Years



DMJs Silver Jubilee at St. Augustine's, 1951

The lifestyle of good people is like sunlight at dawn that keeps getting brighter until broad daylight.

-Proverbs 4:18

"My eyes are always on the Lord... My soul yearns for you in the night... Ah, you are beautiful, my beloved... with my whole heart I seek you... Sing to the Lord in your hearts always and everywhere..."



Morning Star Jubilee, 1955

If you try to be kind and good, you will be blessed with life and goodness and honor.

-Proverbs 21:21



DMJs Golden Jubilee, 1976

Affirmations from both
parents and students.

"We are very grateful for the many years of
service, friendship, and love you all have given our family."

"Those who act kindly in this world will have kindness.

*Thanking you with gratitude for all your thoughtfulness, the kindness you
have given in a way that is all yours. Thanking you with gratitude and
warmly hoping, too, that all the kindness you have given will be
returned to all of you.."*

*"The DMJs have been the backbone of our schools and
parishes for many years and are much appreciated by
the parents. They have a deep dedication to families
and the church community. Thank you."*

*"The presence of your Province in California is a true blessing. Through your
involvement in a wide variety of areas in our state, you touch so many lives.
I appreciate the joy and patience with which those I have met, do the work they are
called to do. In our modern society, where there are so many distractions it is
reassuring to have the presence of your women here in the state of California. Thank
you for your dedication to being "instruments of mercy in the hand of God."*

*"I once read that to have faith is to have wings – thank you from the bottom of our
hearts for giving us our wings! Your teachings of God gave us life and love, but more
importantly, as a mother, your constant guidance, care and genuine love of our children
puts them on a path, the right path to be blessed with strong minds and hearts.
We appreciate you!"*

*"Thank you for everything you do for us. The love of God you bring into our lives touches
each heart and leaves its impression forever. Your commitment to serve God has enriched
so many lives, that God's love continues to spread."*

*"I attended St. Augustine's until I finished the third grade. The best
years of my life! I made my First Communion at St. Augustine's. I
used to hang around the school – often spending time in the
convent. Thank you to all the Sisters that taught me how to read and
always made me feel loved!"*



Our Lady of Lourdes Novitiate, Brentwood.
DMJs pose with Lawrence Welk.

May the road rise to
meet you.

May the wind
always be at your
back.



Semi – Annual Regional Assembly in
Rancho Palos Verdes.

May the sun shine
warm upon your
face.

May the rain fall soft
upon your fields.



Sr. Ellen Conefrey with students at
Our Lady of the Rosary School, Paramount.

And until we meet
again, may God hold
you in the palm of
His hand.

-Irish Blessing

Remember

The Beginning of a New Day

Source Unknown



This is the beginning of a new day.
God has given me this day to use as I will.

I can waste it or use it for good,
but what I do today is important
because I am exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever,
leaving in its place something that I have traded for
it.

I want it to be gain and not loss; good and not evil;
success and not failure; in order that I shall not
regret the price I have paid for it.



Maria Sorahan and Mary Angela O'Connor, 2010.



The beautiful grounds in Palos Verdes.



March Assembly 2009

1st Row: Theresa McShane, Julia Costello, Margaret
O'Rourke, Regine Donner, Sheila Lynch

Back Row: Brigid Mary McGuire, Mary Rose Creegan,
Catherine Sullivan, Rose Waldron, Theresa Berry,
Ellen Conefrey.

Palos Verdes Community, April 2011.



"SOME DEFINITE SERVICE"

John Henry Cardinal Newman

God knows me and calls me by my name....
God has created me to do Him some definite service;
He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.

I have my mission—
I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.
Somehow I am necessary for His purposes...I have a part in this great work;
I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.
He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work,
I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling.

Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away.

If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him;

In perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him;

If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.

My sickness, or perplexity, or sorrow may be necessary causes of some great end, which is quite beyond us.

He does nothing in vain; He may prolong my life, He may shorten it; He knows what He is about.

He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers, He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide the future from me—still He knows what He is about....

Let me be Thy blind instrument. I ask not to see—I ask not to know—I ask simply to be used.

From *Meditations and Devotions*,

"Meditations on Christian Doctrine,"

"Hope in God—Creator", March 7, 1848

<http://www.newmanreader.org/works/meditations/meditations9.html>