



ANSWER THE CALL



As I write to you today, our seniors are preparing for their final days of high school and our freshmen are eagerly waiting to move up the chain of seniority at Mater Dei. The life of a school is changing but yet consistent in a lot of ways and it is the seniors who shape and provide the direction for each school year. Throughout this year Mater Dei has been blessed with 106 seniors who have led the student body in a very positive way. They have participated in service projects, mission projects, academic and athletic challenges, as well as deepening their own faith in God and in their Catholic church. Mater Dei has always been blessed with a school community that is focused on striving to be its best, working hard in and out of the classroom. The class of 2008 has 16 Illinois State Scholars, which represents 15% of the senior class! The average across the state is 10% of a senior class.

In this issue of the Mater Dei *Vita* we have focused on a number of graduates who have gone on and answered the call to religious life. Over the years, Mater Dei has fostered the call of many students to the priesthood or religious life, to those we say thank you. As we challenge each other to share in the mission, we must look to those who have set the example for us, to those who have answered the call!

Please know how important your continued support is to the future of our school. That support comes in many different forms: financial, verbal, spiritual, and service. They all add up to one common denominator-Sharing in the Mission! As we enter the spring and summer seasons I challenge all of you to be all you can be and make a difference in your world, in our world, in God's world!

Good luck and thank you for all your support!

Dennis A. Litteken, '79
Principal

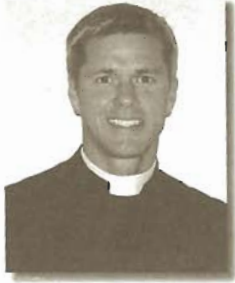
The Catholic Church in the United States, as in most western world countries, is experiencing a vocation crisis because fewer young people today are responding to the call to serve in the Church as priests, sisters or brothers. In the past, however, that was not the case.

We would like to share with you the life journeys of 16 of our alumni, who have responded to the call to follow Jesus in ordained or consecrated lives. We are proud to count among our alumni three priests, eight religious women, two deacons (with an additional two in formation) and one brother currently in formation preparing for the priesthood.

One cannot help but be inspired and moved by these alumni and their journeys of faith. Let us be reminded of that beautiful poem written by Robert Frost, "The Road Not Taken," especially the last stanza as it refers to their life journeys:

I shall be telling this with a sigh, Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-- I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.

The Deacons and Religious Brother will be covered in the 2008 Fall issue.



Fr. Jim Deiters was involved in many extra-curricular activities during his days at Mater Dei that helped form him in leadership skills that are required to be a priest and pastor for the Church today.

While at Mater Dei, Fr. Jim was active in the speech team, campus ministry, choir, and in theatre. He also served on the student council for all four years, and was class president both junior and senior years. He received the "Knight of the Year Award" at graduation, along side Deb Duing as "Lady of the Year."

Jim went on to college at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota to earn a degree in Business Administration and Philosophy. While there he lived at St. John Vianney Seminary as part of his discernment toward the priesthood. For his Masters in Divinity, he attended St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois, and was ordained a priest for the diocese of Belleville, on June 1, 1991.

In the diocese, he has served in parishes in Mt. Carmel, Stringtown, Olney, St. Francisville, and Salem. He has been pastor of St. Clare of Assisi parish in O'Fallon for the past 11 years and has recently finished leading the parish through the process of constructing a new church.

Fr. Deiters said, "The teachers, curriculum, and spirituality of Mater Dei were a huge impact on my priesthood vocation. I believe that God was preparing me all along and the encouragement I received from the teachers kept 'nudging' me to consider the priesthood. The weekly prayer group led by Mr. Darr helped me get closer to Christ and with Sr. Agatha as my advisor, I was challenged to consider the seminary as a way to continue using my gifts. Many other teachers also noticed my abilities and encouraged me to do my best for the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Jim Deiters, Class of 1983



My life was impacted deeply by my days at

Mater Dei. The school was very new. I was able to attend there only in my junior and senior years. Since I was a transfer from an all girls' high school, some of my classes fell in different years. I had to take biology in my junior year. Being one of three girls in a class of boys made it interesting. My study hall was spent with Sister Veronica Marie, working on the yearbook. Half of my lunch period was given to chorus some days and other days to going to the Communion service to pray that God would call someone else and not me to religious life. Chemistry class with Sister Alphonse was another out-of-sync class. I liked it. My books had lots of little burn holes from my mistakes but I passed. Once, after class, Sister came by and asked if I had thought of religious life, since I had vocation hanging out of my ears.

I'm not sure what I responded but I knew I had a big struggle going on inside of me.

I knew I wanted to teach since second grade. If I was going to be a teacher, I had to go to college. Eventually I did inquire about life with the Notre Dame Sisters. They had a college. It was late in July so my parents and I had to scramble to be ready to enter the Order in August. I was sure about the teacher part but not yet willing to admit to the religious call. To leave home and family for city life seemed a big step. I did feel a call to serve people and religious life was the way to do that in the early 60's. My parents said their door would always be open. They just wanted me to be happy. I felt I had a good relationship with God, I knew I could love big. My model came to be: "all things work together for good for those who love." What could I lose?

It has been and continues to be an exciting journey. Not always an easy road but for sure a fulfilling life. My contact with Notre Dames in grade school and at Mater Dei Catholic High School helped me grow the wings that the Notre Dame Order gave me the power to use. For this I am truly grateful.

Sr. Rose Rita Huelsmann, SSND, Class of 1961



Life is a journey.

We can never go back, only forward, constantly growing and changing until that miraculous moment when journey ends and eternity begins. We can never go back, but we can always look back and let our experiences be a road map to guide our journey.

As I look back to my time at Mater Dei, two things significantly influenced my life. First, my interest in the social sciences was nurtured by the enthusiasm of my teachers, particularly by Mr. Thomas Schlarman and

Mr. John Jeannetten. It was Mr. Schlarman's daily effort to connect current events with world history that developed my love of history. In Mr. Jeannetten's sociology class, issues of social justice and our personal response to them helped set my moral compass.

The most memorable event, however, happened on June 4, 1966, Graduation Day. We were lined up outside the gym, ready to process in, participant in commencement ceremonies and receive our diplomas. The music began and we sang, *Let There Be Peace on Earth*. As the refrain proclaimed, "Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally," I sang, and I made a solemn vow to God to be an instrument of His peace throughout my life: a vow, 42 years later, which I strive to faithfully keep. Although I knew in my heart that God was calling me to religious life, I was much more reluctant to take the vows of consecrated life than I was to solemnly vow to be an instrument of God's peace. It seemed that God's chosen path for me and my career path were leading in different directions.

Forty-two years since high school graduation, I look back and realize that my Catholic education at Mater Dei, in a time of social unrest, involvement in the Vietnam War, and political assassinations, shaped my awareness that without justice there can be no peace. And to be an instrument of God's peace, I must act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with my God.

In deciding to accept God's call to me to journey through life as a woman religious, I have been abundantly blessed. I know that my time at Mater Dei prepared me well to serve today as a School Sister of Our Lady, Mother of God. I daily give God thanks and praise for the gift of my vocation as a School Sister of Notre Dame.

Sr. Ann Marie Bonvie, SSND, Class of 1966



*Commit your life to the Beloved, confident
that Love will act on your behalf.*

(Ps. 37:5 from Nan Merrill's *Psalms For Praying*)

This phrase from Psalm 37 touches something deep within me. It took on meaning during my formation program and I often find it coming to mind as I continue my life journey. I can see God's faithful presence and love calling me to life and to challenge, to be the person God wanted me to be.

I remember looking forward to going to the new Mater Dei, which opened my sophomore year. My memories of Mater Dei include the many women religious – SSNDs, PHJCs, and ASCs – and diocesan priests from various parishes. My high school years included involvement in Pep Club, chorus and as a CYO officer. The realization of how much I enjoyed music had its beginning at Mater Dei, and I am grateful to Sr. Mary Charles, SSND for her invitation to join the chorus. Music has continued to be an important part of my life with participation in parish choirs, playing the guitar and leading music for hospital chapel services. Singing is a wonderful way to praise God.

During high school I started working at St. Joseph's Hospital in housekeeping and later doing secretarial work in the x-ray dept. This is how I met the Holy Cross Sisters. The summer after I graduated, I joined a co-worker in attending a weekend with the Holy Cross Sisters in Merrill, WI. I was drawn to the simplicity of the Sisters, their down-to-earthness. Feeling "at home" with them helped me to be more open to the possibility of a religious vocation. "If God was calling me, I wasn't going to be happy until I gave it a try." I chose to enter the Holy Cross Sisters a year later.

A whole new world opened to me; my faith life, which had its foundation with my parents and was nourished at Mater Dei, deepened. Prayer became more than "saying prayers" and developing a relationship with God took on meaning. The Holy Cross Sisters were involved in teaching, nursing and parish work; the motto of their Capuchin Founder, "The Need of the Times is the Will of God." left much flexibility. I was chosen to study nursing and enjoyed caring for those who were sick, but had no idea of where that call to ministry would lead.

Nursing involved caring for the whole person; illness affects a person physically, emotionally and spiritually. As a Sister, I often found patients comfortable in opening up and sharing aspects of their lives with me. This led to my interest in my present ministry in Pastoral Care, placing an emphasis on the spiritual in the context of a person's physical and emotional experience of illness or loss. And I found myself back at St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese.

I have experienced God's call deep within myself, did not always want to listen to that call, but eventually responded, "Yes." I have found God's invitation was always to new life, even when it involved the cross and I am truly grateful for God's faithfulness in loving me into life.

Sr. Dorothy Niemann, SCSC, Class of 1961

When I think about “Share in the Mission” the theme for Mater Dei’s fund drive and school year it reminds me of Jesus’ command to the apostles before his ascension back into heaven, “Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Mt. 28:19-20)

My parents were my first teachers of this. They taught by their example of being involved in church, community, neighborhood and family. They were always willing to pitch in and give a helping hand.

Mater Dei High School re-enforced that idea of mission and ministry for me.

A special event was our senior weekend retreat where the girls went to the Mercy Center in St. Louis and the boys to King’s House in Belleville. At that time one of the P.H.J.C. Sister chaperones asked me the question about religious life. It was not the first time I considered it. In grade school I had Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ in all eight grades. I admired their joyful spirit, dedication and love for what they were doing. Fr. Alvin Grawe, our associate and also a teacher at Mater Dei encouraged me as well. Through his example he showed me that religious people could be human and have fun.

Since no one Religious Community could staff Mater Dei in the 60’s, I had the opportunity to experience many Religious Communities. Besides Priests, and a few lay people we had School Sisters of Notre Dame, Adorers of the Precious Blood, Ursines from Belleville, Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, and Holy Cross Sisters from Merrill, WI, as teachers. When I realized that God was calling me to religious life I also looked seriously at the Ursines in Belleville and the Holy Cross Sisters who I worked with at St. Joseph Hospital. But in the end, I felt my relationship with the P.H.J.C.’s and their spirit fit me the best.

I feel privileged now to share in the spiritual journey of so many people in many different walks of life. My immediate family continues to support me in my Religious Vocation, but my family keeps expanding as God continues to give me so many people to minister to.

Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC, Class of 1966



"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice."

My life has been filled with times of rejoicing and praising the Lord. I graduated in 1966 and entered Religious Life in the summer of 1966. My memories of Mater Dei High School were all good. My memories include a wonderful Catholic Education and lots of fun times spent with classmates and teachers. As part of my time at Mater Dei, I remember teaching Religion to first graders at Aviston Elementary before I ever arrived at school in the morning. I worked regularly in the library and one of my fondest memories was participating in the senior play (South Pacific) at Mater

Dei. I played the part of Bloody Mary in South Pacific and spent lots of time projecting my voice and singing. I had such fun just practicing, being with the teachers and laughing lots with my classmates during that time. My memories also include getting in lots of trouble for my loud voice and always talking but it has served me well as I continue each day to spread God's Word. My teachers, especially the religious women, were a great influence in my life as a high school student. They were warm, happy, energetic and always looking out for our best. Their influence in my life led me to hear God's call to religious life.

Religious life has sent me to many places and has given me the opportunity to know many wonderful people who have helped me to grow in my faith. My first teaching experience was at St. Gertrude's in Krakow, Missouri where I taught first grade. That year gave me a backache as I was always stooping over or kneeling to get to the children's level. My next experience led me to St. Peter's Cathedral Grade School in Belleville, Illinois where I taught, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grade, then on to St. Mary's in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to teach eighth graders. Life led me to pursue a Master's in Religious Education at Loyola University Chicago. I was then missioned to St. Francis Borgia in Washington, Missouri, St. Matthias in South County in St. Louis and back to St. Peter's Cathedral Parish in Belleville, Illinois as a Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Associate.

My life has never been boring and has always been an opportunity to learn more and to grow more as an individual. I always say that my claim to fame will have been working with three Bishops, five pastors and twelve Parochial Vicars as I have ministered at St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville, Illinois. All have been growthful experiences for me and have helped me to become the happy, fulfilled religious that I am today.

Sr. Theresa (Tess) Markus, SSND, Class of 1966



Many of the individuals and situations that were placed in my life by the hand of God to lead me to a vocation in the Franciscan priesthood, were present at Mater Dei High School while I was student there from '62-'66.

There was no one situation that led me to the religious life but the Catholic atmosphere at Mater Dei certainly had an influence. Talking about our faith in the religion classes and living it out in service to the missions or in service to the school made a lasting impression on me. Of course Mater Dei High School was only one part of my life. It was an important part because it tied together my family and my church, St. Mary's in Trenton. That is one thing that I find significant about attending a Catholic School. It is able to tie faith and family together as you are reaching out to find out who you are and reaching your educational goals. School, family and church supporting each other gives a student a solid grounding to move ahead. For me, some of the important individuals at Mater Dei were Fr. Stanley Schlarmann (now Bishop) who showed you that he enjoyed being a priest and especially Sr. Peter Altgilbers, P.H.J.C., who took a personal interest in so many students and made them feel important. One significant event was when we had a "Vocation Day" when I was a senior. I guess it was the right person at the right time, but when Fr. David Eckelkamp O.F.M. came from St. Louis to talk about becoming a Franciscan, the Holy Spirit tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Give it a try."

Being a member of the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) has been a huge support for me as my Franciscan brothers and sisters help and encourage me in my ministry. I am also challenged by the life of St. Francis of Assisi who inspired me to love and respect all of God's creation, especially human beings. That love of humanity led me to become a Foster Parent and eventually adopting my sons, Joshua and Jason. Since being a parent, and now a grandparent, my ministry in the Catholic Church as a priest has been a little unique. My children have added a depth to my compassion and understanding of parenthood, my prayer life has been deepened and my joy has been increased.

Those formative years at Mater Dei High School, with its teachers and students, have been the presence of God for me and the acts of God that led me to where I am today. "God has shown me what was mine to do, may he show you what is yours to do." (St. Francis of Assisi)

Fr. Adrian Fischer, O.F.M., Class of 1966



My call to religious life came to me in grade school.

At times it was clearer than others. I intended to enter the aspiranture (high school) of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ after eighth grade in St. Mary's in Trenton. God does indeed "write straight with crooked" [teeth]! With what? That's right, crooked teeth. I was in need of orthodontic work and it was recommended by the Poor Handmaids that I attend Mater Dei High School and then enter their community after graduation.

My world opened enormously at Mater Dei with many fine men and women teachers including four communities of religious women and diocesan priests. My love of science blossomed in Chemistry taught by S. Theresa, SSND (S. Carol Kleba, SSND) and in Biology taught by S. Gabrielle (now Barb Wegener).

The 60's were a time of intense change. Mater Dei provided an atmosphere where questioning was encouraged, insightfully evaluating the trends of the day was common, and implementing the documents of Vatican II a given. In classes and in extra-curriculars, we came to know, we, the people, are the church.

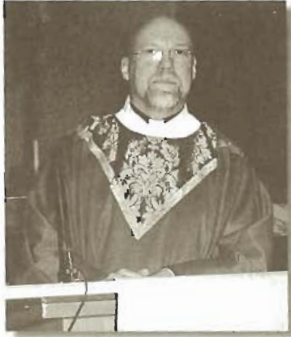
As a woman, I especially remember and appreciate being encouraged to attend college and choose whatever profession I felt called to without limit of the usual gender roles at that time.

The very real call to religious life came through the very human School Sisters of Notre Dame I came to know at Mater Dei. Their charisma caught me, and I wanted to use my gifts united with them. "As a community we are sent in the power of the Spirit to continue Christ's mission...to be transformed and to transform our world, bringing all to that oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent." (Constitution of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.)

As a doctor (root word means teacher), I still carry on my community's desire to educate in its broadest sense, teaching others about their illnesses and how to make healthy choices. It is how I can help transform the world one person at a time.

Mater Dei certainly nourished my spiritual, moral, intellectual emotional and social growth and these are the gifts I share with all God's people.

Sr. Charlene Zeisset, SSND, Class of 1968



The call to seek ordination as a Catholic priest is an inclination I remember from my early days at St. Dominic Church and School in Breese, IL.

My experiences at Mater Dei helped to reinforce and encouraged me to continue to discern that my vocation was to the priesthood. At Mater Dei I was probably most influenced in that vocation by the priests on the faculty that were my teachers and advisors. In particular, I had religion classes in my junior and seniors year with Fr. Roger Karban. His classes on scripture helped fan the early flames of interest in deeper scriptural interpretation. In fact, because of his sharing so deeply and well the scholarship of biblical interpretation that the

laity were being encouraged to pursue in the first years after the Second Vatican Council (this was the early 70's), when I began taking graduate level seminary courses I was already a ahead of my classmates. I knew about exegesis and things like redaction criticism so that the scriptures might be interpreted the way the sacred authors intended.

Another influential priest at Mater Dei was Fr. Jerry Miriani. He encouraged me in developing my skills in creative writing and literature. This early encouragement probably has had a lot to do with my ability to preach and teach as a priest. Taking a couple of vacation trips with him also showed that priests can be very ordinary and human, too.

The priest with the most influence was Fr. Stan Schlarman (Now retired Bishop Schlarman). He got me to go with the first group of guys to make a TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreat from Mater Dei. He definitely encouraged my love of Liturgy, getting me to help organize and plan them for days of recollection at Mater Dei. As a guidance counselor whose task it was to help seniors figure out what to do after high school, he was who I confided in that I might like to be a priest. Fr. Stan jumped on that idea and suggested Quincy College where I could observe seminarians if not actually go to the seminary immediately to give me time to ponder how persistent the call was. At my 25th ordination anniversary Mass I remarked to him (who I was so happy could be there for the event), "You know, you're the one most responsible for me standing here presiding at this Mass!"

Since ordination to the priesthood in 1981, I have served in several parishes in the Diocese of Belleville and extra-parochial ministries. If I were to describe my most memorable achievement over my 26 years of priesthood, there wouldn't be any one particular event or experience. The whole experience of serving as priest has been amazing. I marvel at what God has been doing through my small efforts to serve the local church of Belleville. I am constantly amazed at the positive response I get to my preaching and how it comforts, challenges and helps parishioners grow deeper in their vocations as members of the baptized. The privilege of presiding at the Eucharist humbles me each time I celebrate Mass with folks. At my 25th anniversary of ordination, I said the following in my homily. "I am so often aware of unworthiness to stand at the altar, a sinner, a weak human vessel. I am embarrassed by the generosity of so many who have organized this celebration and who give me gifts. Truly you all gave me the greatest gift 25 years ago, the right, the command or ORDER, a holy order, to stand in your midst and break bread and share a cup in the Name of Jesus for you so that we might all know his presence sustaining us till journey's end."

"Over those 25 years, I have experienced time and time, again that it is Christ who is at work in human vessels, broken lives like bread torn apart, hearts poured out in imperfect yet sweet compassion like wine. There's no way some of the marvelous moments of grace of these past 25 years could have happened by my own doing, be it preaching or celebrating a sacrament or comforting the needy... And I am comforted by the realization I have you, the church to share in this work, continuing the mission of the Christ. Together in marvelous ways, each in our own Holy Order, Christ is using a very human community gathered around earthy food of bread and wine become his body and blood making us a body, bread broken, cup poured out for life of world through all the seasons of love we each are given." That pretty much sums up what this alumnus of Mater Dei has been up to, grateful that he had the formation at MD that enabled him to take the journey of faith.

Fr. Joe Rascher, Class of 1973



I feel blessed being an alumna of Mater Dei High School. Many times I think about the quality education I received.

I was always very proud to be a Mater Dei student. I fondly remember my high school years, especially the staff of sisters, priests and lay teachers. The School Sisters were “in charge” of my class for all four years. It was obvious everyone on the staff was truly dedicated. I also remember belonging to the Elizabeth Ann Seton Sodality and visiting patients at St. Joseph Hospital in Breese, Ill.

After graduation, I entered the convent of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in St. Louis. I seriously considered becoming a sister during my junior year of high school. I prayed so I would do God’s will, whatever that would be. The more I prayed, the more I felt my calling to be a sister. So I felt it was God’s will. It was easy for me to choose the School Sisters of Notre Dame because of my teachers. The teachers were always so happy and an inspiration.

I am the coordinator of Liturgical Fabric Arts at the motherhouse in St. Louis. The department specializes in making contemporary custom-made banners, stoles, vestments, altar cloths and funeral palls for worship. When the St. Louis motherhouse was built in 1895, the teaching of needlework was the sisters’ first advertised ministry. Over the years, the focus changed from teaching this craft to creating ecclesiastical garments, linens and banners. For more information, go to www.liturgicalfabricarts.com.

I have worked in this department for many years, serving as coordinator for 11 years. I oversee a staff of seven sisters, who create the items we sell. We also make a quilt for the SSND resource development office to raffle each month.

I grew up in Albers, Ill. I was the youngest of five. My mother loved to sew and quilt, and that love of quilting continues on with me and the sisters who work with me in Liturgical Fabric Arts.

Sr. Rita Maureen Deimeke, SSND, Class of 1965

THANK YOU SO MUCH

April of 2007 marked the opening of my “Golden Jubilee” as a School Sister of Notre Dame. It’s been an exciting and remarkable year of my life’s journey. Before it closes, I need to send this note of sincere thanks to the many, MANY MDHS alum (’60-’68) who sent their prayers, good wishes, updates on their lives and families, and reflections on some of those great days and years we had together at the then new Mater Dei. I’m still not sure how you all found out about my 50th anniversary, but I assure you that the surprise I got hearing from some of you every day for many months-and after all these years-THAT has been the best gift ever. Thank you so much. You are always in my prayers.

S. Mary Bryan, SSND
MDHS Faculty 1959-1968



“You have not chosen me. I have chosen you.”

These words of Christ have been the mantra of my life for 46 years as a professed Sister. Witnessing and experiencing the dedication, spirituality, professionalism and joy of the Sisters who taught me at St. Dominic’s and Mater Dei, God’s gentle call to live out my baptismal promises as a consecrated woman religious grew in my heart throughout my school years.

Following graduation from Mater Dei, I entered the formation program and began the journey toward profession of vows as a School Sister of Notre Dame in 1961. In addition to religion classes and the faith environment present at Mater Dei, the courses in Business Education prepared me for the field of teaching I would enjoy for 30 years at St. Francis Borgia High School in Washington, Missouri, and at Duchesne High School in St. Charles, Missouri.

Being involved in the TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) movement and serving on many retreat teams gave me the chance to share my faith and religious life outside the school environment. Participating in adult faith groups and serving as lector and Eucharistic minister in the parish were special ways to share God with others. I also had the opportunity to join a group of students and adults on a 10-day service trip to Honduras and experience the poverty and the simple faith and joy of these people.

In addition to my 30 years in Catholic education, I have been privileged to serve my Sisters in my SSND community. Being involved in many SSND committees and projects has allowed me to give back some of the richness I have received from the community. Jesus said, “Those who leave father and mother to follow me will receive a hundredfold.” I know the truth of these words since God has blessed me in countless ways as I daily live out my vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience.

As School Sisters of Notre Dame, “our mission is to proclaim the good news, directing our entire lives toward that oneness for which Jesus Christ was sent.” Living in community with my Sisters has given me so much more than I have given up. My religious family numbers more than 4,000 Sisters in 36 countries throughout the world. I am proud and humbled by my connection to all the wonderful ministries my Sisters are involved in to bring the “good news” of God’s love to all people throughout the world. I was fortunate to visit our Sisters in Rome, Germany and Japan and see a piece of our world. Thank you, God, for the wonderful life you have given me.

Sr. Linda Jansen, SSND

Pauline Jansen, Class of 1959

In the fall issue of the VITA we highlighted Mater Dei alumni who have helped share the mission of our school through service back to their alma mater. Unfortunately, we inadvertently omitted these alumni from the list and would like to acknowledge them:

Connie Frierdich, '67
Jackie Chiarolanza, '81
Heather Bruening, '93

Monica Schuetz, '89
Dana Timmermann, '83
Christine Richter, '87

Tina Kohrmann, '95
Kris Jeckstadt, '93

Thank you to the families of recently deceased members of the Mater Dei community who have named Mater Dei Catholic High School as a memorial recipient.

Marie Breiner
Herman Broeckling
Leona Davis
Ferdinand Deiters
Ferdinand Gehrs
Pat (Gebke) Hemker, '77

Rita Hemker
Ervin Hodapp
Amelia Kampwerth
Frieda Kohlbrecher
Brenda (Becker) Krebs, '77
Jason Kruse, '98

Jo Ann Kues, '68
Anthony Luebbers
Joseph Mueller
Mary Niebruegge
Marcellus Niemeyer
Dorothy Richter

Wendelin Schumacher
Ralph Schwaegel
Leo Thole
Francis Wilke
Joseph Winter
Elmer Von Hatten

The entire Mater Dei community would like to express its sympathy to the families and friends of these Mater Dei alumni who have recently been called Home:

Pat (Gebke) Hemker, '77
Brenda (Becker) Krebs, '77
Evonne (Bruns) Timmermann, '84
Jason Kruse, '98
Mary (Peppenhorst) Kluemke, '60
Andrew Wesselmann, '63
Ken Horstmann, '68
Judith (Beckmann) Athmer, '71
Jo Ann (Dierkes) Kues, '68
Marvin Markus, '69

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