



# CONNECTION

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## You're Invited!

### 2021 IHM SISTERS CELEBRATION

Every summer since 2014, the Sisters of IHM Foundation has hosted a celebration in honor of the IHM sisters and raised thousands of dollars in support of the IHM Retirement Fund. Building upon the success of last year's virtual IHM Sisters Celebration, all are invited to join us for our 2021 virtual event on Saturday, August 7 at 6 p.m.

Local Comcast subscribers can tune into Electric City Television's Channel 19 where you will be awed and entertained as we share stories of remarkable sisters and extraordinary individuals whose lives embody the IHM spirit. The entire program will be available on Electric City Television's YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/user/ElectricCityTV570](http://www.youtube.com/user/ElectricCityTV570).



*William and Mary Jean Lynett*

### LYNETTS NAMED HONORARY CO-CHAIRPERSONS

William R. (Bill) and Mary Jean (Bean) Foley Lynett of Clarks Summit, PA, have been named honorary co-chairpersons of the 2021 IHM Sisters Celebration. Bill

is publisher emeritus of The Times-Tribune (The Scranton Times) and was publisher from 1966-2012. He has held positions of CEO of Shamrock Communications and president of The Daily Review, Towanda.

A graduate of St. Paul High School, Scranton, Mr. Lynett earned a B.S. in accounting from The University of Scranton, while simultaneously serving in the Pennsylvania National Guard 55th Brigade as Public Information Officer. He is a graduate of the Harvard Business School's Owner/President Management Program. He currently serves on the advisory board of The University of Scranton Kania School of Management and the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association Foundation Board.

"The IHM sisters had a strong influence on the person I am today," Bill said. "It wasn't until I was older when I realized the sacrifices that sisters make on behalf of others and for their love of God. Throughout my life, I remained committed to giving back and reaching out to those in need."

"We want to express our gratitude to the sisters who all deserve our unending thanks and support," added Bean.

Mrs. Lynett graduated from Bishop Hannan High School and Lackawanna College Paralegal Program. She is a current board member, United Cerebral Palsy of NEPA. She previously served as an advisor to the Junior Achievement NEPA and a member of the executive committee, board of directors for the Scranton Cultural Center.

### *Our Heritage Continues!*

*Explore with us, IHM...*

### *Sisters of IHM Celebration*

### *IHM Jubilarians 2020 and 2021*

### *Remain in Our Love*

### *Associate Spotlight*

### *Legacy of Friendship*



*IHM Sisters Joyce Marks and Richard Mary Peters*

# A Double Celebration

We rejoice with our 2020 and 2021 Jubilarians as we join in prayers of thanksgiving for all of those celebrating jubilees in August. Last year's commemoration was delayed due to Covid restrictions but this year we will gather and celebrate on the double!

Many have touched your lives as their ministries missioned them across North and South America. To provide a gift to the IHM Congregation in honor of a Jubilarian, visit [www.sistersofihm.org/what-you-can-do/donations-support](http://www.sistersofihm.org/what-you-can-do/donations-support), or send your gift in the enclosed, pre-addressed envelope to:

**IHM Development Office  
IHM Center  
2300 Adams Avenue  
Scranton, PA 18509-1514**

*Please print the sister's name on your check memo line.*

## 2020 IHM JUBILIANS

### 70 Years

Sr. Mary Ellen James, IHM  
Sr. Kathleen McNulty, IHM

### 60 Years

Sr. Grace Campbell, IHM  
Sr. Jane Marie Connolly, IHM  
Sr. Eleanor Marie Malanaphy, IHM  
Sr. Karen Marie O'Neill, IHM  
Sr. Mary Ann Remus, IHM  
Sr. Joel Marie Sheeche, IHM

### 50 Years

Sr. Maria Peter Kratz, IHM  
Sr. Therese O'Rourke, IHM  
Sr. Mary Persico, IHM  
Sr. Maureen Schrimpe, IHM

### 25 Years

Sr. Susan Ellen Brown, IHM

## 2021 IHM JUBILIANS

### 80 Years

Sr. M. Daria McGinn, IHM

### 75 Years

Sr. M. Elsa Eckenrode, IHM  
Sr. Margaret Loftus, IHM  
Sr. M. Charlene Templeton, IHM

### 70 Years

Sr. M. Gracette Baker, IHM  
Sr. M. Marguerita Carbone, IHM  
Sr. Jean Conaty, IHM  
Sr. M. Celeste Parry, IHM  
Sr. Joan Paskert, IHM  
Sr. M. Tarcisius Tasselli, IHM

### 60 Years

Sr. Jean Louise Bachetti, IHM  
Sr. Dolores M. Banick, IHM  
Sr. M. Carlita Bird, IHM  
Sr. Josephine Cioffi, IHM  
Sr. Eileen Egan, IHM  
Sr. Jane Ellis, IHM  
Sr. M. Myra Gilbert, IHM  
Sr. Helene Hicks, IHM  
Sr. Mary Alice Kane, IHM  
Sr. Joan Katoski, IHM  
Sr. M. Ancilla Maloney, IHM  
Sr. Babette Opferman, IHM  
Sr. Ann Parker, IHM  
Sr. M. Rosella Salvato, IHM  
Sr. Anne Mary Smith, IHM  
Sr. Sue Ann Steves, IHM  
Sr. Marion Tarone, IHM

### 50 Years

Sr. Ann Monica Bubser, IHM  
Sr. Kathryn Clauss, IHM  
Sr. Jean Gallagher, IHM  
Sr. Susan Hadzima, IHM  
Sr. Dorothy Kibler, IHM  
Sr. Ellen Maroney, IHM

## IHM ASSOCIATE SNAPSHOT



### NAME

Marguerite Morrow

### HOMETOWN

Taylor, Pennsylvania

### IHM CONNECTION

St Bernadette Church,  
Cresco, PA  
(now Most Holy Trinity Parish)

### CIRCLE OF GRACE ESTABLISHED

2012

### CIRCLE OF GRACE LEADER

† Sister Gloria Frank, IHM

### COMMISSIONING LOCATION AND DATE

St. Bernadette Church, August 15, 2013

### ON BECOMING AN IHM ASSOCIATE

As I reflect on my life's journey, I see that God has been caring for me and leading me to this time and place. He led me to the Charismatic Renewal and gave me strength and fortitude upon the death of my young husband. In time, God placed Charlie, my current husband, in my life. I returned to Pennsylvania and to St. Bernadette Church, where I was introduced to the IHM sisters and the IHM associate program. It was another blessing in my life!

### OUTSTANDING ASSOCIATE MOMENT

Sharing in the Circle of Grace until the time of the pandemic helped to strengthen the faith of all. I learned so much during these monthly gatherings.

### ON IHM SISTERS

I am blessed and grateful to be part of the IHM community. Faith and sincerity of heart shine through all the sisters.

*Would you like to be a part of a warm and welcoming community; experience a deeper spiritual connection with others who share your faith; engage with the IHM sisters and extend the IHM charism? Contact Jane O'Neill, director of IHM associate program at 570 963-2480 or [oneillj@sistersofihm.org](mailto:oneillj@sistersofihm.org).*

## **Don't Delay! This is your invitation to participate in the 2021 IHM Sisters Celebration!**

There are several different opportunities and benefits for you, your company, or your organization as you help care for the needs of retired IHM sisters who are so deserving of your support. Refer to the donation form on the back for details. Your generous donation will directly support the ever-increasing costs of maintaining a healthy, safe, and comfortable environment for our sisters who reside at Pascucci Family Our Lady of Peace Residence (OLP) and the IHM Center.

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS



Ann Williams



Maria Edwards



Dan Santaniello



Carl Witkowski

The following individuals are being featured for their benevolent work in the community and to highlight the impact the IHM sisters have had on their lives: **Ann Montoro Williams**, Stewardship Manager, Friends of the Poor, Scranton, PA; **Maria Montoro Edwards**, President and CEO, Maternal and Family Health Services, Wilkes-Barre, PA; **Dan Santaniello**, President and CEO, Fidelity Bank, Dunmore, PA; **Carl Witkowski**, Chief Operating Officer, Berkshire Hathaway GUARD Insurance Companies, Wilkes-Barre, PA. These outstanding individuals were selected in recognition of their commitment to and embodiment of the IHM spirit and mission.

*Please consider a gift to the IHM sisters in their honor.*

On behalf of the Sisters of IHM Foundation board members and all of the IHM sisters, thank you for commitment and support of our retired sisters.



Each month, the IHM development office offers a special liturgy and prayers for ministry locations where IHM sisters have served but are no longer present.

Visit <http://www.sistersofihm.org/remaininourlove> for a detailed listing of the mission locations for whom we will be praying. Contact Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, at 570 346-5431 or [bubsera@sistersofihm.org](mailto:bubsera@sistersofihm.org) with any special intentions.

## MINISTRY DATES

## LOCATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING DIOCESES

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| <b>June 23</b>      | <b>Wilmington, DE<br/>Wheeling-Charlestown, WV;<br/>Arlington, VA; and Lexington, KY</b>                 |
| <b>July 28</b>      | <b>Providence, RI; Boston, Springfield,<br/>Worcester, MA; and Bridgeport,<br/>Norwich, Hartford, CT</b> |
| <b>August 25</b>    | <b>Philadelphia, PA; and Trenton, Newark,<br/>Metuchen, Camden, Paterson, NJ</b>                         |
| <b>September 22</b> | <b>Raleigh and Charlotte, NC</b>   |

## Legacy of Friendship

*Retirement Assets—An Often Overlooked Charitable Gift*



Kevin Coffey

Kevin Coffey remembers carrying Sister Jane's (Berube) book bag from school to her convent every day for over two years. Kevin was just nine years old and a student at St. Paul School in Cranston, Rhode Island during the 1960s, a time when the school was staffed almost entirely by IHM sisters.

"The walk was several blocks and was that book bag heavy, especially for a young boy. As a result, my right arm is still two inches longer than my left," jokes Kevin.

Kevin recently learned about the Remain in Our Love liturgies which the IHM development office offers for ministry locations where IHM sisters have served but are no longer present. Recalling the dedication and influence of the IHMs, he felt inspired to schedule a mass at St. Paul Church and donate his first gift to the IHMs. Kevin has also chosen to include the IHMs as one of the beneficiaries of one of his IRAs.

"I chose to remember the IHMs in my will because of the profound impact they had on me growing up, particularly with my education and spiritual well-being," said Kevin. "I would like others to know how easy it is to add the sisters as a beneficiary to their retirement plan. It can be any percentage, not just 100% and if life circumstances change, it can be updated anytime."

Designating your retirement plan assets to a charity, such as the Sisters of IHM, may result in a reduction of your federal and state estate taxes and may place your estate in a lower tax bracket. It will be a blessing to the IHM sisters that will also be appreciated by your heirs.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Consult your financial advisor or tax professional for advice on your specific tax situation. For more information about giving a gift to the IHM sisters, contact Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, at 570 346-5431 or [bubsera@sistersofihm.org](mailto:bubsera@sistersofihm.org) or visit <http://www.sistersofihm.org>, click *Donate*, then *Other Ways to Give Smarter*.

# DON'T DELAY!

Every donation we receive will be matched \$1 for \$1 thanks to the generosity of our Philanthropic Lead Donors, our partners in the mission to support the retired sisters.



## 2021 IHM SISTERS CELEBRATION DONATION FORM

Donations made to the IHM Foundation, a 501(c) organization, may reduce your taxable income.

GIFT TYPE(S)	DONOR NAME(S) FOR RECOGNITION	GIFT AMOUNT(S)
<input type="checkbox"/> In honor of IHM Sr(s): _____ _____		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> In memory of IHM Sr(s): _____ _____		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> In honor of: <input type="checkbox"/> Bill & Bean Lynett <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Santaniello <input type="checkbox"/> Ann Montoro Williams <input type="checkbox"/> Carl Witkowski <input type="checkbox"/> Maria Montoro Edwards		\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor - Choose One (See below for sponsor benefits) <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond - \$10,000+ <input type="checkbox"/> Silver - \$500-\$999 <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum - \$5,000-\$9,999 <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze - \$100-\$499 <input type="checkbox"/> Gold - \$1,000-\$4,999 <input type="checkbox"/> Emerald - \$25- \$99		\$ _____
<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$ _____

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

Donations must be received by *July 23, 2021* to be included in the recognition program.

Enclosed is a check made payable to: **Sisters of IHM Foundation**

Charge the following credit/debit card: Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would prefer, secure online donations may be made at [www.sistersofihm.org/sisterscelebration](http://www.sistersofihm.org/sisterscelebration)

Return this form with your donation in the enclosed, pre-addressed envelope to:

Sister Ann Monica Bubser, IHM, IHM Center, 2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509-1514

*Thank you for your support in raising important funds for the retirement needs of the IHM Sisters.*

Sponsorship Levels		Sponsorship Benefits
<b>DIAMOND</b>	<b>\$10,000+</b>	Name on plaque at OLP Residence, name recognition during the <b>2021 IHM SISTERS CELEBRATION</b> virtual event, IHM website, appreciation email delivered to all IHM family & friends, IHM connection newsletter, and IHM Facebook event page.
<b>PLATINUM</b>	<b>\$5,000-\$9,999</b>	Name recognition during the <b>2021 IHM SISTERS CELEBRATION</b> virtual event, IHM website, appreciation email delivered to all IHM family & friends, IHM Connection newsletter, and IHM Facebook event page.
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>\$1,000-\$4,999</b>	Name recognition during the <b>2021 IHM SISTERS CELEBRATION</b> virtual event, IHM website, appreciation email delivered to all IHM family & friends, and IHM Connection newsletter.
<b>SILVER</b>	<b>\$500-\$999</b>	Name recognition during the <b>2021 IHM SISTERS CELEBRATION</b> virtual event, IHM website, and appreciation email delivered to all IHM family & friends.
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>\$100-\$499</b>	Name recognition during the <b>2021 IHM SISTERS CELEBRATION</b> virtual event and IHM website.
<b>EMERALD</b>	<b>\$25 - \$99</b>	Name recognition on the IHM website.