Congregation of the Humility of Mary 2025 Jubilee

The Congregation of the Humility of Mary celebrated the Jubilees of four vowed sisters and three CHM associates at a special Mass Humility of Mary Center's Magnificat Chapel on Sunday, June 21. Rev. George McDaniel was the celebrant.

CHM Jubilarians:

Sister Dorothy Ann Chevalier (Mary St. Monica) – 70 Years



Sister Dorothy Ann Chevalier was born in 1936 in Newton, Iowa. She entered the Congregation in 1955 and professed first vows in 1958.

She studied education at Ottumwa Heights College and earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Marycrest College and a master's in elementary administration from Drake University. She completed interpreter training at St. Paul Technical College, earned a certificate in clinical pastoral education from Iowa Methodist Medical Center, and received NACC chaplain certification from St. John/Jane Phillips Medical Center in Oklahoma.

Her ministry in Iowa included teaching or leading at schools in Fort Madison, Davenport, Centerville, Dunlap, Albia, and Ames. She served as principal at St. Pius X in Urbandale, St. Patrick in Missouri Valley, and St. John and St. Paul in Burlington. Outside Iowa, she taught at St. Austin in Minneapolis, Sacred Heart in Glendive, St. Agnes in Red Lodge, St. Stephen the Martyr in Omaha, and was principal at St. Edward in Texas and St. Mathias in Minnesota.

Later, she served in pastoral care and chaplaincy at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa and Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Sister Dorothy Ann is retired and lives in Johnston, Iowa.

Sister Johnelle Howanach – 70 Years



Born in 1934 in Great Falls, Montana, Sister Johnelle Howanach entered the Congregation in 1956 and professed her first vows in 1958.

She earned a bachelor's degree in music from Marycrest College, studied music and choral instruction at Gonzaga University, was certified in liturgical music at Notre Dame University, and studied theology at the College of St. Scholastica and Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California.

Her ministry in music education included teaching at St. Austin in Minneapolis, Lourdes Memorial School in Bettendorf, and St. Mary in Great Falls. She also taught religious education in parishes in Chinook and Glendive, Montana.

From 1994 to 2002, she served as director of Citizen's Advocacy in Great Falls. She received numerous awards for championing the rights of people with disabilities from the Montana Advocacy Program, Montana Council on Developmental Disabilities, the University of Montana Rural Institute and the Great Falls. Sister Johnelle resides in Great Falls and continues to advocate for the dignities of people with disabilities.

Sister Mary Rehmann (Marilyn Therese) – 70 Years



Born in 1936 in Davenport, Iowa, Sister Mary Rehmann entered the Congregation in 1955 and professed her first vows in 1958.

She earned an Associate of Arts degree in education from Ottumwa Heights College, a BA in natural science from Marycrest College, an MS in zoology from the University of Iowa, and a JD from DePaul College of Law in Chicago.

Her educational ministry in Iowa included teaching at St. Anthony School in Des Moines, Gehlen High School in LeMars, and in Davenport at St. Alphonsus School, Assumption High School, and Marycrest College.

Her law practice began In Springfield, Illinois, doing water and air pollution regulations for eight years at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. While on sabbatical in Boston she volunteered at the Massachusetts Correctional Women's Prison. Eager to do direct client representation, she was a staff attorney at legal aid offices in Williamson and Morgantown, West Virginia. She concluded her law practice there as a private attorney representing low-income clients in Social Security Disability cases.

Sister Mary served as CHM President from 2008 to 2012 and worked in the CHM Archives from 2012 to 2018. She resides in Davenport.

Sister Kaye Holland – 50 Years



A native of Ottumwa, Iowa, Sister Kaye Holland entered the Congregation of the Humility of Mary on December 1, 1975, and professed her first vows on July 30, 1978.

She attended St. Joseph School of Nursing in Ottumwa, earning her RN, followed by a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa, and a certificate in enterostomal therapy from Tucson Medical Center, Tuscon, Arizona.

Her nursing ministry included serving with the Visiting Nurses Association in Davenport and as a care coordinator at the Humility of Mary Center. In Montana, she worked as a home health nurse at Northern Montana Home Care in Havre and as a staff nurse at Central Montana Medical Center in Lewistown and St. Vincent Hospital in Billings.

After retiring from nursing, Sister Kaye served as the supportive living coordinator at the Humility of Mary Center in Davenport and volunteered with Humility of Mary Housing. She currently resides in Davenport.

CHM Associate Jubilarians

CHM Associates are people called to live the CHM mission without vows and within the context of their contemporary lives.

James and Mary McCue – 50 Years

James and Mary are among the first CHM Associates, having been associates since 1975. James is a former professor of theology at the University of Iowa, and Mary has worked in the fields of biochemistry and social work, with a particular focus on children. They have devoted themselves to family, raising eight children. In addition, they have been strongly committed to social justice. They currently reside in Coralville.

Johnnie Phillips – 25 Years

became a CHM Associate in the year 2000. A native of New Orleans, she met a CHM sister while working at San Diego State University who became a long-time friend. Her professional field was library science. Although far from Davenport, she has been united with CHM sisters and associates in friendship and prayer.