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hearts wide as the world: together making a difference



Dear Friend,

In this month's newsletter, three California Sisters of Notre Dame are highlighted; one teaching future educators in South Sudan, another helping the hungry in Half Moon Bay, and a third who was given an extraordinary farewell from the small community in Washington State where she served for more than 40 years.

Please remember them and their ministries in your prayers.

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Development Director

Pope Francis asks us to pray for peace today

Pope Francis has asked for special prayers for peace today, **February 23**, especially for South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Sisters of Notre Dame are present in both countries, including California [Sister Carolyn Buhs](#) who is an educator in South Sudan. The young, troubled country needs peace for its people to thrive!

[Read Sister Carolyn's updates from South Sudan here.](#)



Sr. Jeanette Braun serves a young guest at a Table of Plenty supper.

Can you help?

Every Thursday evening, well over 100 people gather for the [Table of Plenty](#) supper in Half Moon Bay. When there, they are nourished by more than a meal.

[Sr. Jeanette Braun](#), Director of the Table of Plenty (TOP) explains: "We honor the dignity and sacredness of each person. Whether you cook the food, serve it, or greet our guests, our standard is high: We all strive to reflect *loving one another* as each volunteer contributes in creating a delicious community supper for everyone. Our TOP volunteers range from 13-80+ years-old. They work together bringing their smiles, warmth and kindness to each



Above: Sr. Jeanette (center) speaks with volunteers.

Below: NDNU student Marcela Rodriguez serves TOP guest Mr. Ho.



guest, who may hunger for more than food."

As an all-volunteer organization, TOP depends on the generosity of others to fund the food and other materials needed, but especially to cook and serve meals.

With the current flu epidemic, some volunteers have not been available, and a shortage can happen during vacation and holiday seasons, too.

Would you consider becoming an occasional or frequent volunteer for TOP? You'll enjoy not only the satisfaction of doing good for others, but a tasty meal, too!

Click here to learn more about volunteering or to make a donation to support the Table of Plenty.

Sr. Barbara's journey home

We recently sent a notification of [the death of Sr. Barbara \(James Marie\) Geib](#), who was a Sister of Notre Dame for 65 years. More than 40 of those years were spent in Monroe, WA, where she served at a parish, was an advocate for domestic violence survivors and acted as chaplain for the city's police and firefighters.

Sr. Barbara had asked to be buried with other SNDs in California. Years before, she acquired a casket and used it as a coffee table at home.

Shortly after Sister's death, California Sisters Phyllis D'Anna and Susan Olson set off for Washington in the Province Center van. They would join the local community and other Sisters at services for Sister Barbara and bring her back to the Bay Area where she was born and raised.

Click here to read about the Vigil where police, firefighters and others took turns guarding Sr. Barbara



All night, First Responders and others stood by Sr. Barbara's casket - which she used as a coffee table for many years.



Children released doves following the funeral liturgy.

through the night, the Celebration of Life the next day, and the motorcade that escorted the van holding Sr. Barbara's remains as she began her trip to her final resting place.



When the Sisters' van set off from Washington to bring Sr. Barbara to the Bay Area, it was escorted by a motorcade.

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