



CALIFORNIA

SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR

*hearts wide as the world: together making a difference*



Greetings!

A belated Happy New Year to you with hopes that your 2017 will be filled with blessings and joy.

Our Sr. Jean Stoner, now back in California after serving at the United Nations, shared this prayer that reminds us to live each day fully:

***Loving God, we ask your blessing on your gift of time. Bless our calendar -- the days, weeks and months, the holidays, holy days, feasts and fasts -- all our special days of remembering.***

In Notre Dame,

*Monica*

Monica May  
Development Director



*Sisters walk for justice*

On Saturday, January 21, many California Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur joined thousands of others in demonstrations in San Jose, Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and across the country. Through their presence at the Women's Marches, the Sisters advocated for women's equality, immigration rights, affordable healthcare and other issues consistent with Notre Dame values.

Sr. Kay McMullen, who attended the event in Oakland, shared that "a meaningful experience was the participation of the men who were in our little group," especially her cousin's husband. To ride to the march in the already-full Volvo wagon, he squeezed into the cargo hold. "He was that determined to support us and the issues he cares about!" said Sr. Kay.

To see a short video of *America Magazine's* coverage of Women Religious marching in Washington, including comments from Patty Chapell, SND, [click here](#).

Photo above: Sisters Sharon McMillan, Liane Delsuc, Beth Plesche, Louise O'Reilly and Susan Olson in in San Jose.



Notre Dame Affiliate Gillian Wallace, Sr. Carol Shoup and Sr. Cathy Waldron met a man walking in San Jose carrying a sunflower-shaped balloon, his mother's favorite flower. When he heard from the Sisters what sunflowers symbolized for them, he gave it to them.

## *Proceeds from "A Fair of the Arts" are rolling out*

The "A Fair of the Arts" event last fall raised \$19,000 for the Sisters' work in Latin America and Africa. We thank all who participated by attending the event or buying raffle tickets!

One use of the funds raised was to help purchase this school bus for the Notre Dame Education Centre in Malava, Kenya.



## National Catholic Schools Week!

National Catholic Schools Week from January 29 through February 4, also marks the 100th anniversary of Notre Dame Elementary School in Santa Barbara!

If you're a graduate of a Notre Dame school, this is a wonderful week to make a donation to your school, share a memory of your time there on the school webpage, or energize the current head of school by communicating how much you valued your Notre Dame education.

Visit our [National Catholic Schools Week](#) page for more information and to find the link to **your** school!

**Thank you to all who made Christmas**

contributions! We are very grateful.  
The Sisters are praying with and for you  
and all your intentions.

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