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SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR
hearts wide as the world: together making a difference



Greetings!

During this time of Thanksgiving, the Sisters will be praying for you with gratitude for your friendship and support. And, as promised, throughout the month, they will be remembering all the deceased loved ones you asked them to pray for.

With our grateful prayers,

Monica

Monica May
Development Director

ND school leaders continue the Sisters' mission

Two October events, led by Mission Integration Director Sr. Louise O'Reilly, helped to strengthen the connections between the Sisters and ND schools today. A **reception for school board members** was held at the Province Center in Belmont, and a **Hallmarks retreat for ND educators** took place at the Sisters' retreat house in Carmel.

The Notre Dame Hallmarks are central to the continuation of the Sisters' mission at ND schools. These guiding principles inform decisions at all levels within ND schools in California and have been adopted by schools across the country and world.



"The most important takeaway for me was to again be reminded that members of the board of directors are an extension of the Sisters' efforts to continue their mission to educate children."

- Lillie Bailey, (center) Board Member,
Moreland Notre Dame Elementary

[Explore the ND Hallmarks](#)

A smart way to support the Sisters

If you are at least 70 ½ years old, you can transfer any amount, up to \$100,000 per tax year, directly from your IRA to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and not be subject to federal income taxes on the transfer. To qualify for this year, transfers need to be made by December 31, 2016.

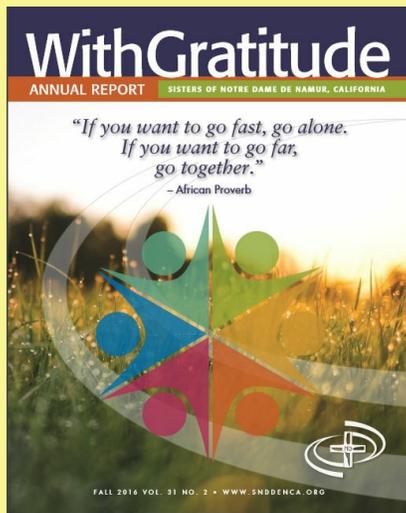
"It's easy to make this type of gift," says Mary Ellen Nolan Bruni (NDSJ '53) who used the charitable rollover last year to make a gift to the Sisters.

To read more of Mary Ellen's story, and to get detailed information on how to make an IRA charitable rollover gift, visit the [IRA Charitable Rollover FAQs](#). Mary Ellen was glad to find such an easy and effective way to thank the Sisters for dedicating their lives to the education of young women.



Mary Ellen Nolan Bruni with her husband Arnold

Leigh Howell, Associate Director of Development, would also be happy to answer your questions. She can be reached at (650) 551-6402 or leigh.howell@sndden.org.



Watch for it!

The Sisters' Annual Report for 2016 is on its way to our supporters!

You can read the report and find links to much more information than could be included in the publication at [this page](#) on our website.

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Did you know?

The Sisters have a treasure of Native California Indian baskets in their archives, thanks to a Notre Dame graduate who donated an extensive collection to the Sisters in the early 1900's.

The collection consisted of both used baskets and new ones created for the flourishing tourist trade from the 1860's to the 1890's.

It was an integral part of the College of Notre Dame's museum collection from 1923, when the school relocated from San Jose to Belmont, through the 1960's.

Photographs by Lisa Woo Shanks



(Above) This Northern California twined basket was used as a tray





(Above) This **Sierra Miwok** basket was used as a cooking pot.

(Left) This **Washoe** coiled gift basket was used for dowries and other occasions.

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