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Dear Friend,

September always brings to mind new beginnings, perhaps because it marks the start of a school year. May your own beginnings this month be blessed.

In Notre Dame,

Monica

Monica May
Development Director

We Welcome Sr. Gillian!



At a special prayer service and reception last month, Gillian Wallace became a novice of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. During her remarks, Sr. Gillian said, "Today, I offer the rest of my life to follow whatever path God intends."

Sr. Gillian is a graduate of Notre Dame High School, Belmont and UC Berkeley. She earned her PhD in anthropology at Cambridge University in England, and has been a member of the faculty at Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, CA.

Sr. Gillian is now living in Cincinnati, OH, where she is part of intercommunity novitiate group. **[To learn more about Sr. Gillian and the process of becoming a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur click here.](#)**

Tragedy Impacts Notre Dame "School That Works" in Lawrence, Massachusetts



You may have heard about the series of gas explosions at homes in several communities in Massachusetts last week. Sadly, this affected students at two families of Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School (NDCR) in Lawrence. Their homes were destroyed, and the brother of a sophomore was killed.

NDCR has been operating with success for 14 years. It is a member of the Cristo Rey Network, a group of 35 Catholic schools described as schools that work." Each

Notre Dame Cristo Rey graduates

Cristo Rey school features a Corporate Work Study Program which places low-income students into entry level positions and generates much needed revenue for the school, covering most of a student's tuition.

Recently, for the tenth time in its 14 years of serving the young people of Lawrence, NDCR was ranked #1 out of the 32 schools in the Cristo Rey Network for workplace performance. NDCR also continues to celebrate 100% college acceptance of its students into four-year colleges and universities.

To learn more about NDCR, [**click here to visit its website.**](#)

Prayers for Friends and Loved Ones



[**Click here to request the prayers of the Sisters and a special card.**](#)

We recently sent a letter about the Notre Dame Circle of Prayer -- a way for the Sisters to join you in praying for your friends and loved ones -- in both good times and times of sorrow and loss.

Through this program, the Sisters send a special card to whomever you specify and are happy to remember them in prayer.

Your gift of any amount will be used to support our older and infirm Sisters, as well as Notre Dame ministries in the United States, Africa and Latin America.



Join Us In Celebrating Our Donors

On the afternoon of Saturday, October 6, we will count our blessings, pray together at Mass and enjoy a barbecue at the Notre Dame Province Center in Belmont. Watch for your invitation in the mail, and/or call Monica May at 650/486-2177 for more information or to RSVP.

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